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## NAZIS ON DEFENSIVE IN FACE OF SOVIET COUNTER-ATTACKS Gomel and Kexholm Scene of Latest Thrusts

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, SEPT. 7 (UP).—THE RED ARMY ORGAN, "RED STAR" TO-DAY REPORTED FURTHER SUCCESSFUL SOVIET COUNTER-ATTACKS IN THE KEXHOLM AND GOMEL DIRECTIONS. IN THE GOMEL SECTOR, AN INFANTRY DIVISION MADE AN OFFENSIVE ATTACK AGAINST THE LEFT FLANK OF THE GERMAN VANGUARD, SMASHED THEIR RESISTANCE AND RE-CAPTURED SEVERAL VILLAGES. IN THE KEXHOLM DIRECTION, THE RUSSIANS ROUTED THE ENEMY WHICH IS REPORTED TO BE FLEEING IN PANIC THROUGH THE WOODS.

## UNABATED BATTLE FOR LENINGRAD

Issue Remains In Balance  
(War Commentary by "Annalist")

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Throughout the week-end, the battle for Leningrad continued unabated. The issue remains in the balance: the Soviet communique is reticent, reporting only that fighting continues, while even the Germans merely fall back upon the accustomed formula that operations continue "according to plan."

## U. S. TO GROW FOR BRITAIN

Record Production Called For

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (UP).—The Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Claude Wickard, announces a record 1942 farm production programme calling for an all-time record production to "improve the nutrition of this country and meet the needs of those nations who still stand between this country and Hitler."

The Secretary asked for unlimited sugar production; slightly increased corn acreage; more soy beans and potatoes; nearly doubled peanut production; and he emphasised his request for increased production in hogs, eggs, evaporated milk, cheese and chickens, all of which are vitally needed by the British. Wheat production would be reduced fifteen to twenty per cent, below this year's crop in view of the surplus, as well as the lack of export demand. The cotton acreage would be but little changed.

**Contracts For Farmers**  
"Every farmer in the United States will be contacted by the local farm committee under the U.S. Department of Agriculture defence boards," he declared. He has scheduled production conferences at Salt Lake City, Chicago, New York, and Memphis, Tenn.

Regarding sugar, Mr. Wickard said that "no acreage limit was expected,"

Despite the huge effort the Germans are making, it seems that they have nothing concrete to report since their claim two days ago that Leningrad was under shell-fire. Even if this claim is true, it is not particularly significant for it may be noted that Odessa, Tobruk and even Dover all along have been under German shell-fire, but are far from being in German hands. Nevertheless, it would be foolish to underestimate the seriousness of the German thrust on Leningrad and doubt it is just because the Russians realise the strategic importance of that city they are now exerting such strenuous efforts to defend it.

**Disruption Of Strength**  
Should Leningrad fall at any time before the winter sets in, it might leave a section of the Nazi army free to sweep inwards towards Moscow and in addition would give them in the part of Leningrad a valuable supply base free from mud and snow which not from ice, for it should be noted that the Gulf of Finland is ice-covered throughout the winter months. The defences which the Germans are now facing in Leningrad are formidable. Indeed the three concentric rings of fortifications around its southeastern approaches (the only direction from which the city can seriously be threatened) have been compared in strength with the best in the world. They may not be impregnable but they certainly will exact a disastrous toll of German lives if the Nazis decide to try to take the city by storm.

**Tangled Outskirts**  
Even if the Germans reach the very outskirts of this city of 3,000,000 inhabitants, their problems will **TURN TO BACK PAGE, COLUMN 4** indicating a renewal of the sugar act which is expiring this year. It is estimated that the British would need from six to eight per cent of the total American farm production next year.

The Red army also repulsed a German attempt to force a crossing of the Khrama River on the western front, blew up pontoon bridges and destroyed 35 planes on a neighbouring airport.

SOVIETS USE PANZER UNITS

ZURICH, Sept. 7 (UP).—The newspaper "Zuricher Zeitung Berliner" reports that in various sectors it is understood that the Russians have started very heavy counter-attacks with strong forces and large reinforcements of panzer units including the heaviest types.

The heaviest attack appears to be on the central front by Marshal Timoshenko's army and also along the Dnieper where Marshal Budenny has released a very strong offensive against the German east bank bridge-heads at many points. The Russians even tried to cross the Dnieper, but Berlin claims that they were thrown back with losses.

## CEASELESS ACTIVITY BY R.A.F.

Tripoli And Derna Attacked

CAIRO, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. communique says: "Libya.—Heavy bombers of the R.A.F. attacked shipping alongside the Spanish Quay at Tripoli on the night of September 6-6. A medium-sized merchantman was hit by bombs and many direct hits were obtained on the Quay."

Other R.A.F. bombers raided a number of objectives in the area. At Derna, large fires broke out and in one of these an explosion took place followed by showers of sparks. A number of enemy aircraft on the ground are believed to have been destroyed.

A motor transport camp south of Derna was attacked and fires resulted from our bombing. "At Martuba, bombs fell among dispersed aircraft and motor transports and the glow of the fires could be seen all over the target area."

Other attacks were made on Bardia and the aerodrome of El Adem. "On the night of September 6-7, enemy aircraft attempted to raid the Suez Canal area. Our night fighters shot down two raiders and damaged others. "From all these operations one of our aircraft is missing."

The paper states, "It is understood that the Russian counter-attacks are temporarily forcing the Germans to devote their chief attention to the defensive. The counter-attacks, however, have never exceeded the character of localised successes."

"The Russian losses are reported to be very heavy and therefore it is the conviction in Berlin that the Russian efforts will last only a certain time when they will be replaced with fresh German offensive operations."

**Western Sector**

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Further successes in local operations in the western sector are reported to-day.

In one of the sub-sectors in the direction of Gomel, a Soviet rifle division, after overcoming considerable resistance, has retaken a number of large inhabited places and destroyed 21 German tanks and many guns.

At another point in the western sector, the Germans had established bridgeheads across the River Khmar. Soviet aircraft by dive-attacks destroyed the bridgeheads and prevented a crossing and killed some hundreds of Germans.

Soviet planes also attacked two aerodromes used by the enemy and destroyed 35 planes and damaged others.

**Odessa Bombed**

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—"German bombers last night bombed the town and harbour of Odessa as well as railway junctions of military importance with good effect," says the German official news agency. "Small and large fires testified to the effect of the attack."

**Command Of Air**

MADRID, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of "Efe" says **TURN TO BACK PAGE, COLUMN 4**

## No Air Mastery For Nazis

Russian Campaign Brings Big Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (UP).—General Grendal of the Red air force, analysing the Luftwaffe's losses in the German-Russian war in to-day's "Red Star," said that the Germans have not only failed to achieve mastery of the air, but are continuing to lose disproportionately compared to the Red air force's losses, while the quality of machines and men is steadily worsening.

Repeating the official Soviet figures of German losses in the first two months of the war of 7,200 planes, a third of which were Messerschmitt 111 and a considerable number of ME-109s, he claimed that the Soviet aviation "not only yields to the Germans, but in many respects excels them."

**Old-Type Machines**

He said that the Luftwaffe's strength on the east front consists of four air fleets and one air corps, headed by Generals Kesselring, Leer, Keller and Sehlumpp. They are using old types of bombers; Heinkel 111, Dornier 215 and diverse Junkers 88 and Messerschmitt 110 which are thoroughly modernised, as well as a new fighter, Heinkel 113.

**Effective Soviet Bombings**

General Grendal stated that Russian air bombing has been most effective at airports. "The experience in this war has shown that the Luftwaffe does not operate on a mass scale, but as individual groups, since the front lacks any large airports accommodating hundreds of planes."

"The majority of the airports contain several dozen planes, some upwards of 40 or 60 are located in sheltered corners as well as camouflaged areas; however, Soviet reconnaissance from the air and land have spotted these bases and inflicted crushing blows on them."

**German Plane Losses**

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (UP).—At least 300 German planes have been **TURN TO BACK PAGE, COLUMN 3**

## Mrs Sara Delano Roosevelt



## President Roosevelt's Aged Mother Passes

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt's mother Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt is dead.

The President and his wife spent Saturday night at his mother's bedside and they were with her when she died at 11.15 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Mrs. Roosevelt had been unconscious for 12 hours following what the family physician, Dr. Scott Smith, called "acute circulatory collapse due principally to advanced age."

The first intimation of this development came on Friday night, but Mrs. Sara Roosevelt's condition did not become alarming until late on Saturday.

The funeral at Hyde Park on Tuesday will be private.

The old lady spent most of the summer at her cottage at Campo Bello Island, New Brunswick. She left there for Hyde Park on August 31.

**Met King And Queen**

Mrs. Sara Roosevelt was the wife of James Roosevelt, fourth cousin of President Theodore Roosevelt. In 1932 she met the King and Queen during their stay at the Hyde Park residence of the President and his wife during the Royal tour of Canada and the United States.

Born in 1854 at Algonac, a few miles from Newbury, New York State, Mrs. Roosevelt spent her childhood in Hongkong where her father was in business. On her return to Algonac she married in 1880 James Roosevelt, who was a distant cousin. In December, 1900, when the present President was 18, his father died and from then on she lived with her son, whose meteoric career she followed step by step with great pride.

**Visit To Paris**

In September, 1937, at the age of 83 Mrs. Roosevelt went to Paris at the invitation of the French Government. She visited the Paris Exhibition and the Eiffel Tower.

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## Summary Of Week's Air Warfare

Europe & Mid. East:

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—R.A.F. losses in the European zone last week showed a considerable drop compared with several previous weeks although their western offensive continued unabated.

Losses in Western Europe and the Middle East last week were 38 Axis and 40 R.A.F. Twenty-eight R.A.F. bombers failed to return from raids over Germany and occupied territory and attacks on shipping.

R.A.F. fighters destroyed 14 Messerschmitts for the loss of 11.

In the Middle East, 20 Axis bombers and fighters were destroyed for the loss of seven R.A.F. machines.

On several sweeps, fighter pilots reported that Messerschmitts refused to fight and it appears that the Luftwaffe chief is trying to conserve pilots.

## Gang Attack On Chinese Newspaper

Incident In City

A determined effort to obstruct the normal sale of the "Hua Hsiang Pao," pro-Leftist Chinese evening newspaper, was made on Saturday afternoon, when papers were wrenched from the hands of vendors and torn up by a gang of hoodlums outside the newspaper's wholesale depot in Lee Yuen East.

The incident occurred shortly after 3 p.m., the normal publication time. As soon as vendors were issued with the papers, they were met by a number of "toughs" who forcibly took possession of the papers and tore them into shreds at the end of the street.

It is estimated that at least three-quarters of the day's issue were destroyed in this way and prevented from passing into readers' hands. Police assistance was summoned, whereupon the gang disappeared. Yesterday's issue of the paper was not interfered with in any way.

## Saturday's Raid Over Rhineland Described

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The full story of the Saturday night Rhineland raid is told by the Air Ministry. Though there was a moon and clear sky over Western Germany, the target was found only after skilful navigation.

The target was the chemical works at Huls, just north of the Ruhr, an important plant for the manufacture of buna or synthetic rubber with which Germany planned to make the army and air force independent of the blockade.

One Whitley pilot circled and criss-crossed the whole area for an hour and half before the navigator was certain that the right place was located. Then he saw his bombs explode among the buildings and several fires sprang up.

Other crews had similar experiences. Searchlights were everywhere—one pilot dived within a hundred feet of the ground to escape them—and anti-aircraft fire was intense.

## Greer Sequel Inflames U.S. Opinion

Nazi Charges Ridiculed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—German charges against President Roosevelt over the Greer incident are treated as ludicrous here as no one believes that the Greer had any orders to do anything but defend herself.

Moreover, the destroyer was so plainly marked that no submarine commander with a periscope above the water could possibly have mistaken her for one transferred to Britain.

The incident, which appeared fairly innocuous at first, now threatens to develop into a serious diplomatic issue and while no one still believes that it can lead America into war, it will intensify relations and similar incidents in future will unquestionably inflame opinion here.

Reports from Hyde Park that President Roosevelt is considering convoys as a result of the Greer incident are received here with intense interest but no further information on this head is available here.

## LATEST

## Mr Campbell In A Serious Condition

Inquiries made at the Kowloon Hospital this morning reveal that Mr. G. Campbell, of the Public Works Department, who was admitted to the Hospital yesterday evening suffering from the effects of poison, is still in a serious condition. The type of poison used is not disclosed.

**Tribute To Menzies**

Mr Fadden paid a fine tribute to Mr. R. G. Menzies' predecessor as Prime Minister who he said, gave himself unselfishly to his country in one of its most difficult periods.

Mr Fadden added: "The third year will probably determine if civilisation already bruised and battered, is to survive. That is why Australians, with the free people of

## Australia's New Premier Makes A Fighting Speech

SYDNEY, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—In his broadcast to-day, the Australian Prime Minister Mr. A. W. Fadden, said that at least one in four Australians of fighting age were fighting with the forces, namely 400,000 in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

Within another two years the figure would exceed 600,000 in addition to 200,000 engaged directly or indirectly in the production of munitions, war equipment and war supplies.

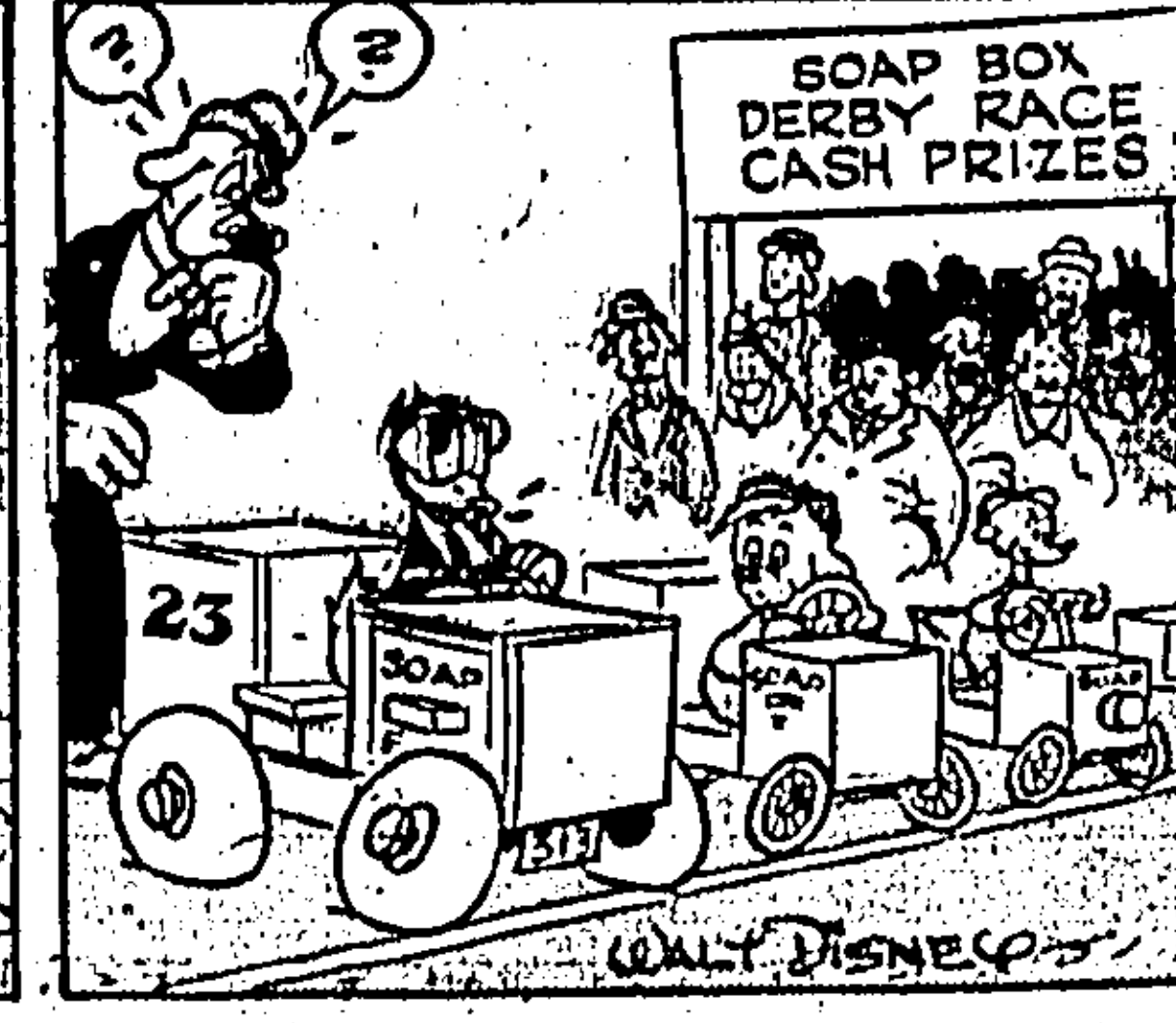
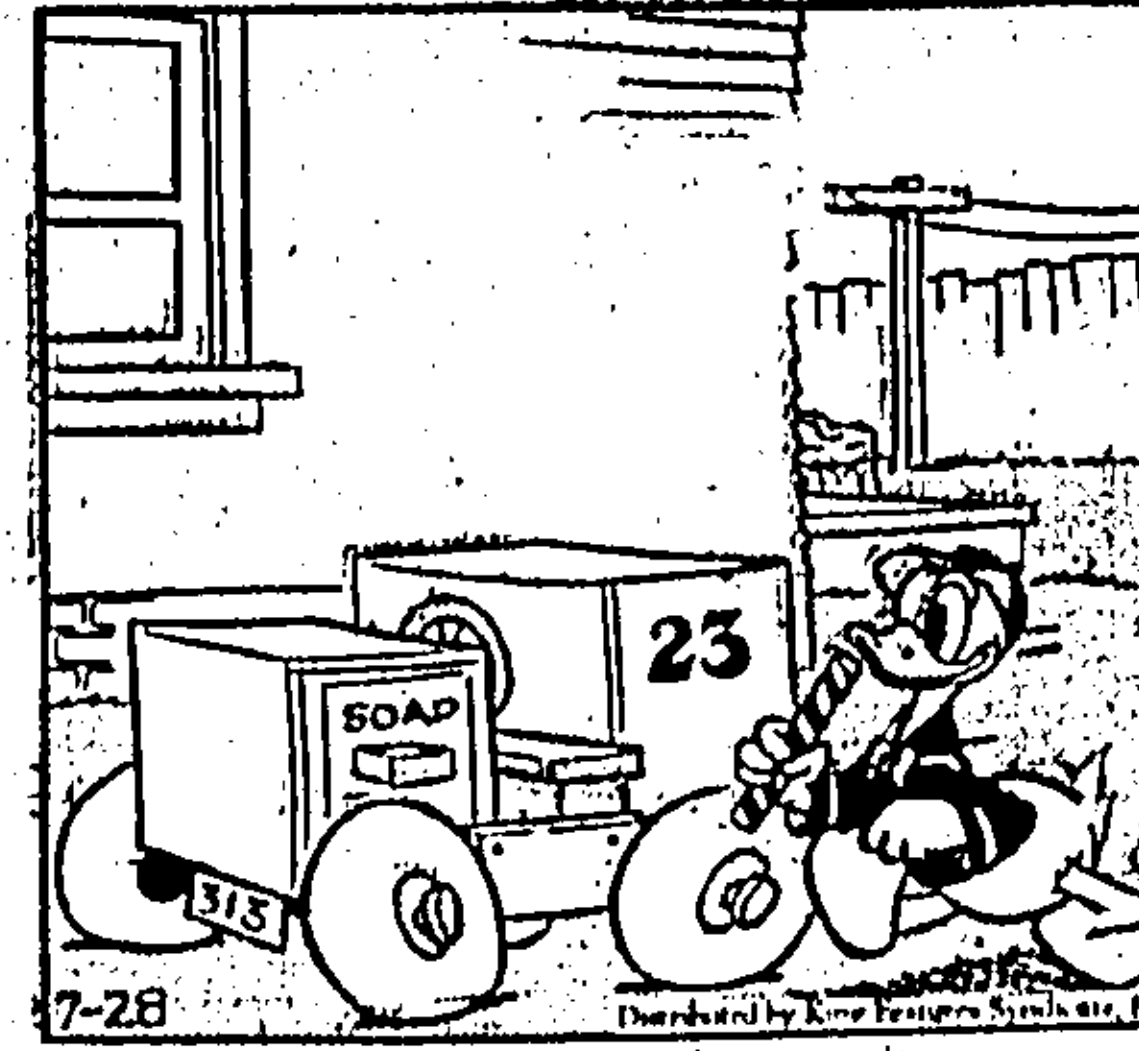
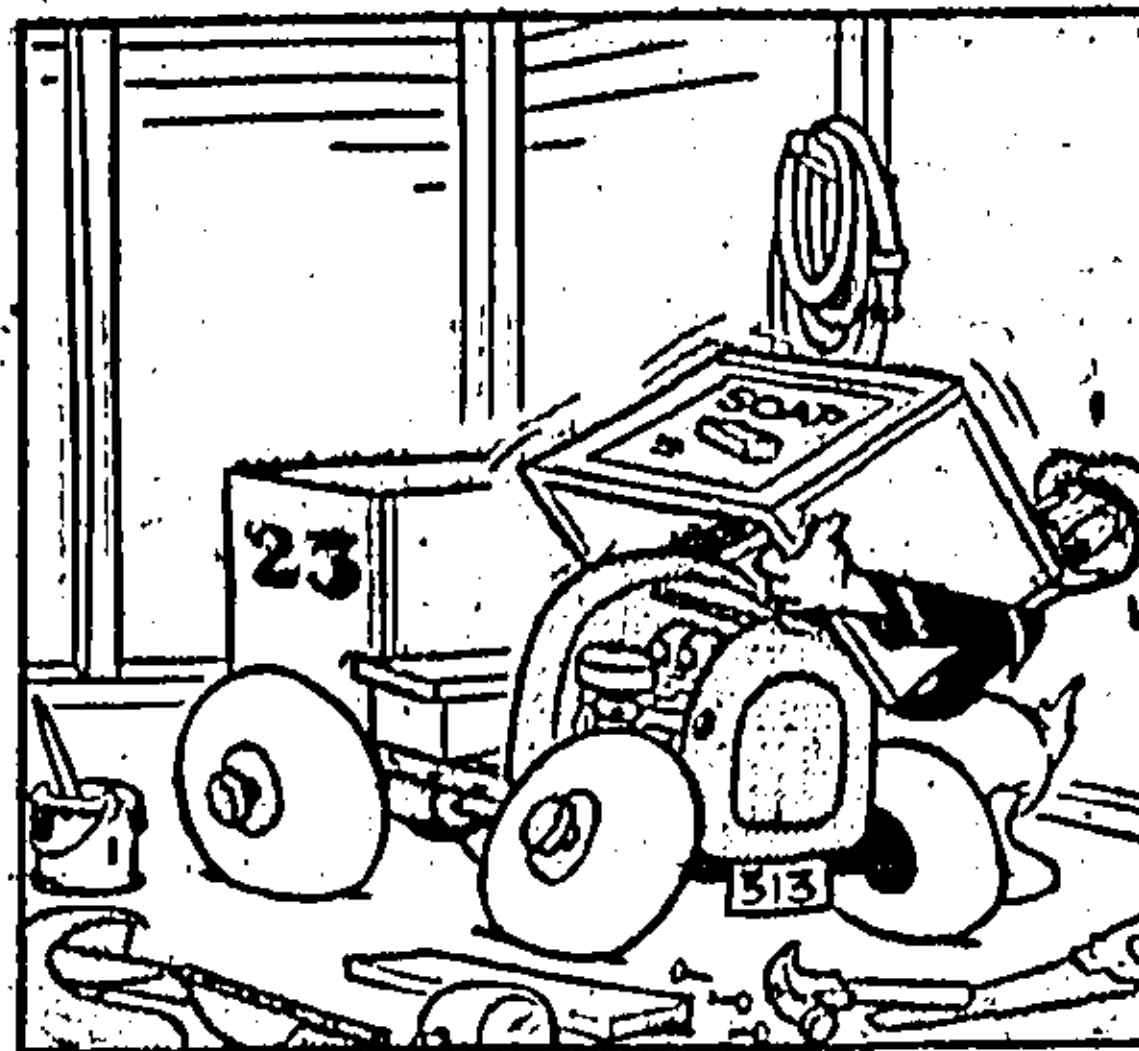
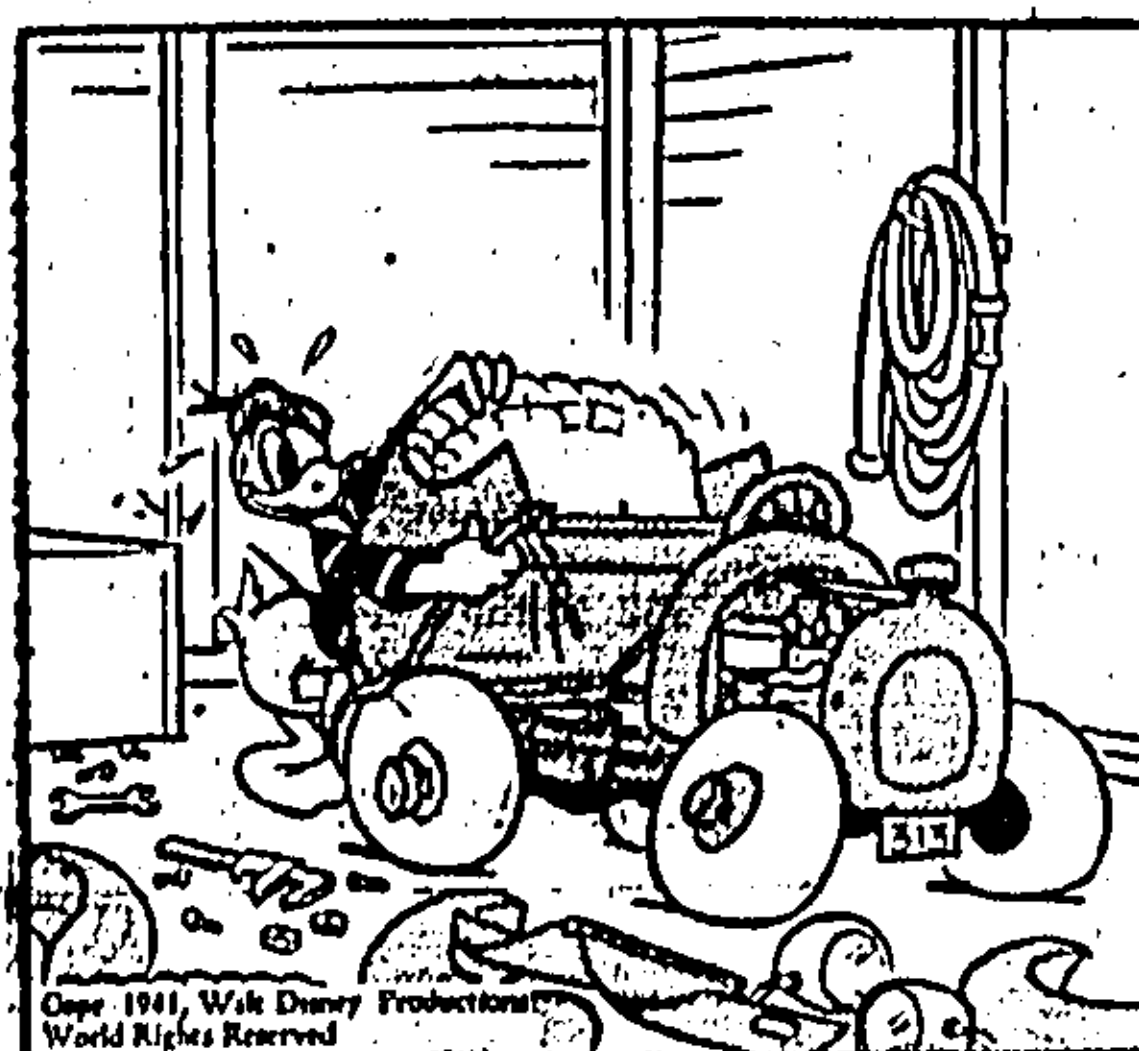
Naval personnel had increased threefold and Air Force personnel sevenfold.

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**ARRESTED—Major Sir Herbert Paul Latham, 36, member of British House of Commons, arrested in London on charge of "alleged offences against military law." Charge was not explained. He is a young politician and army man and an Eton and Oxford graduate.**

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12.30 Jack Harris and His Orchestra in a selection of dance music

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1.02 Frances Langford and Tony Martin in Variety

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press Announcements

1.45 A Moszkowski Programme comprising Yehudi Menuhin (violin) with piano; State Opera Orchestra; Ellen Joyce (soprano); Richard Tauber (tenor) and the Blue Hungarian Band.

2.15 Close Down

6.00 Indian Programme.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Half an hour of dance music.

7.17 Variety Programme.

8.0 London Relay—The News.

8.15 London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 London Relay—"Listening Post."

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 Dvorak Centenary Programme.

9.0 Local Time Signal. This Week's Programme.

9.05 Puccini's "La Tosca" Act 2. Singers in order of appearance: Apollo Granforte (Baritone); Giovanni Azzimonti (bass); Nelo Palai (tenor); Piero Palai (tenor) with orchestra of La Scala Milan.

9.45-10.0 News in French (on short wave only).

9.45 Negro Spirituals. Singers: Paul Robeson, Edna Thomas.

10.0 London Relay—News and News Commentary.

10.15 Chopin Sonata in B Flat Minor Op. 35—Percy Grainger (piano).

10.35 The Light Symphony Orchestra and Nancy Evans (soprano).

11.0 London News From Home.

11.15 Close Down.

## HONGKONG DEFENCE

## Manning Exercise Makes War-Like Atmosphere

Large scale manning exercises were carried out by the Hongkong Defence Forces during the week-end, when partial black-out was imposed after midnight on Friday night. A black-out of the water front and street lighting yesterday from 10 p.m. to sunrise to-day marked the continuation of the manoeuvres.

Ferries were affected on Friday, the last "Star" ferry leaving each side of the harbour at 11.55 p.m. instead of 1.30 a.m. as usual. The vehicular ferry was at the disposal of the military, and civilian traffic was affected during the exercises.

Troops in full war kit and some sections of the Volunteers took part in the exercises. It is understood that so far the manoeuvres have proved very successful and have provided good training for the men.

The exercises gave the Colony a somewhat realistic war-time atmosphere, particularly motorists, some of whom encountered barriers on the roads in various parts of the Colony, where they were stopped by men in full war paint, and then told to proceed. This was a little startling on lonely roads, and more so to those who suddenly came across a lone soldier camouflaged among the trees, or detected suddenly at the roadside the business end of a machine-gun.

Bathers at beaches were interested in sea planes and land planes flying overhead, sometimes thrillingly low. Several planes were seen to drop "parachutists" and the battle of machine-gun fire told its own story. These exercises, it is understood, were designed to give the local garrison practice in repelling attacks of the type encountered in Greece and Crete, where large numbers of airborne troops were landed from enemy planes and gliders.

At night searchlights probed the sky and fastened their beams on silver "raiders" looking like "tootsie" toys.

It is understood that the exercises will continue to-day.

## Warning Of Gunfire

It is notified from Military Headquarters that blank artillery ammunition firing will take place from various land positions in the neighbourhood of Kowloon, to-day as well as on September 9, 10 and 12.



**EAST INDIES DEFENDERS.**—South of Indo-China, recently occupied by Japanese troops, stretch fabulous Netherlands Indies, with their oil, rubber and quinine. For year U. S. has been supplying islands with war materials under lend-lease act. Above are native infantry parading in Batavia.

## U.S. Has Much To Lose In Trade By Japan's Move In Indo-China

**WASHINGTON, July 25.**—The United States is likely to lose an important source of rubber and an \$8,000,000 market for various American products from the new Japanese penetration of Indo-China—not to mention what it will lose in security to the Philippines, the Netherlands Indies and Singapore.

## LATE MRS BOLT WAS ACTIVE SOCIAL WORKER

The funeral of the late Mrs Mabel Evelyn Bolt, wife of Captain B. F. Bolt, of the Hongkong and Macao steamship Kin Shan, took place at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday. The Rev. Cyril Brown officiated.

Mrs Bolt, who was a well-known social worker in Hongkong, died at the Matilda Hospital yesterday morning. She had been in hospital for some weeks. She was, until her illness, actively connected with the North Point Refugee Camp and St. John's Cathedral Women's Fellowship.

Mrs Bolt was also a fully qualified nurse and saw service with the Red Cross during the last war. She is survived by her husband.

Among the many people who attended the funeral were Dr. J. H. Montgomery of the Matilda Hospital, the Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Rose, Mr. Peter Wilson, Mr. J. C. Saunders and several seafaring men, and representatives of the St. John's Cathedral Fellowship and the Refugee Camps.

Two sheaves of flowers, one from the widower and the other from house servants, were lowered with the casket. Floral tributes were received from Ethel and the Scott family, Bushell Park, Enfield, Middlesex, England; Lennie and Winnie; Daw, Peggy and family; Malacca, Stralis Settlements; Miss E. Allen; Esther Reiton; Eva Davidson; Dorothy Lee; A. M. Elaine Matthews and Jacqueline; Mr. and Mrs. J. Ormiston; G. S. Parker; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hawke; Dr. H. F. Tai; Mr. Brown, Mrs. D. M. Richards; Mrs. Souza and Mrs. Basto; Miss D. Brackstone; Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Dunbar; Committee and Members, Hongkong Women's International Club; the Doctor, Matron, Sisters and Staff of the Matilda Hospital; St. John's Cathedral Women's Fellowship; the North Point Refugee Camp; the Director of Medical Services and Staff, and Mothers and Children of the North Point Government (Refugee) Camp, inscribed, "To the memory of a courageous woman who devoted herself to those in need," and several others.

## LOCAL ANCHORAGE

**Prohibited at West End**

Orders published in the Government Gazette of January 30, 1941, regarding anchorage in the waters of the Colony, have now been revoked, and the following substituted:—

"Anchorage is prohibited to all vessels within the following areas in the waters of the Colony:—

"Commencing at the north-western point of Green Island, thence along the western limit of the Port of Victoria to the parallel of 22 degrees 18' north, thence in a direction 270 degrees for a distance of 2,000 yards, thence in a direction 180 degrees for a distance of 2,500 yards, thence in a direction 090 degrees to the western limit of the Port of Victoria, thence along that limit until it meets Green Island, thence along the western coast of Green Island to the point of commencement."

It is still highly uncertain just what will happen to United States trade with Indo-China as a result of the latest developments, but it is generally presumed here that Japan will take over the bulk of all valuable Indo-Chinese products, and insist on more or less exclusive enjoyment of markets there for its manufactured products.

Rubber was the only important commodity which the United States imported from Indo-China. In 1939 it received quantities worth \$9,267,000 out of a total of imports of \$9,596,000. The balance represented extremely small imports of spices, pux vomica and tin. All manganese, tin and iron ore in Indo-China went to Japan in 1939.

The 1940 rubber imports represented a fairly normal purchase. It was expected to be increased by two contracts for further rubber purchases signed by the U. S. Government under its policy of acquisition of reserve stocks of strategic raw materials. Figures are not available yet on the result in 1940 trade figures.

**A Varied Market**

Indo-China provided a varied market for the United States. Our total exports in 1939 amounted to \$9,220,000. The principal items were as follows:

Raw cotton	\$1,057,000
Unfinished steel and iron	1,307,000
Refined copper	1,307,000
Motor trucks and buses	830,000
Passenger cars and parts	1,004,000
Tires and tubes	444,000
Whether American exports of anything will continue is uncertain. It is presumed that Japan might like to see exports of such things as unfinished steel and gasoline continuing because they could be taken over by the Japanese occupying forces.	

**To Reduce Exports**

But American policy, as yet unannounced, is expected to reduce exports of anything which would tend to strengthen the Japanese war power. What with Japan wanting raw materials and markets, the chances of much of this trade surviving are considered rather low.

Japan has long been much more important in Indo-Chinese trade than the United States. It took goods worth \$24,471,000 as compared to United States purchases of \$9,596,000. The total of all Indo-Chinese exports in 1939 was \$108,971,000. The only 1940 figures available show that total Indo-Chinese exports fell to \$89,925,000 and imports were \$46,040,000. There is no breakdown for different countries yet available for 1940.

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## Americans Take To Iceland

**REYKJAVIK, Iceland, July 21.**—A United States naval officer who has been here a week is still somewhat flabbergasted at finding rivers of hot water and daylight around the clock in Iceland.

"It's not nearly as cold as the name (which in Danish actually means island) of the country suggests," he said. "Rivers of hot water astonished us at first but now we've got used to the idea of swimming in water warmer than the air."

A member of the United States occupying force, he summed up these impressions:—

"Thanks to British co-operation and thoroughness in their preparations for us we are much more comfortable than we expected to be."

"Stores are well stocked with American and British goods, but American magazines and soda fountains are conspicuously absent."

**Friendly Country**

"Most of the people seem glad to see us and since a great many of them speak English it is not at all hard to transact business. English, American and Icelandic money circulate together in a cashier's night-mare."

"It's a very friendly country, I'm surprised the tourist industry and steamship lines haven't made more of it. The steep rugged mountains and fjords are unusually impressive."

(Although northernmost Iceland scrapes the Arctic Circle and about an eighth of it is covered by ice-fields, the island is built up chiefly of volcanic rocks and the rivers of hot water are explained by numerous hot springs).

## APPOINTMENTS

A Government Gazette extraordinary announced the following appointments:—

Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith to be Officer Administering the Government.

Mr. R. A. C. North to act as Colonial Secretary.

Mr. G. S. Kennedy Skipton to act as Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Captain S. H. Batty-Smith to be Aldi-de-camp.

Mr. C. R. Lee to act as Private Secretary.

Mr. G. T. Rowe to act as Assistant Private Secretary.

Mr. G. Treverton, who was Private Secretary to Sir Geoffrey Northcote, is on short leave and will continue in the post.

**New Governor**

It is understood that His Excellency Sir Mark Young, the new Governor of Hongkong, is expected to arrive in the Colony in the middle of the week.

## Texas Head Office To Be Transferred

The head office of the Texas Company (China) Limited in Shanghai will be shifted to Singapore sometime this month.

The transfer will involve only part of the staff of the Company which will continue to operate in Shanghai for the sale of petrol and oil.

The transfer was ordered by the main office of the company in New York owing to the slump in business in Shanghai. Mr. LeFevre, the general manager of the Company in Shanghai, will be general manager of the new head office.

## THE WAR FUND

The sale of Victory V's by Miss Naylor and the sale of Shanghai I.A.F. Association V's Dindrea, augmented the Bomber Fund on Saturday morning, bringing the total to \$2,515,521.00. The list is as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pereira and family \$ 8 (monthly donation)

Victory V's per Miss Naylor (third donation) \$ 20

Rail of Shanghai I.A.F. Association \$ 20

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- All photographs entered must be taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.
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- No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.
- All entries to be either black, sepia, or toned pictures, and must be mounted. Coloured photographs are ineligible.
- Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.
- No picture to enter in more than one Section.
- Mounts to be only white or cream.
- Mounts to be of the following sizes:—10x12, 10x20.
- No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
- Members of the Staff of the Hongkong Telegraph and of the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
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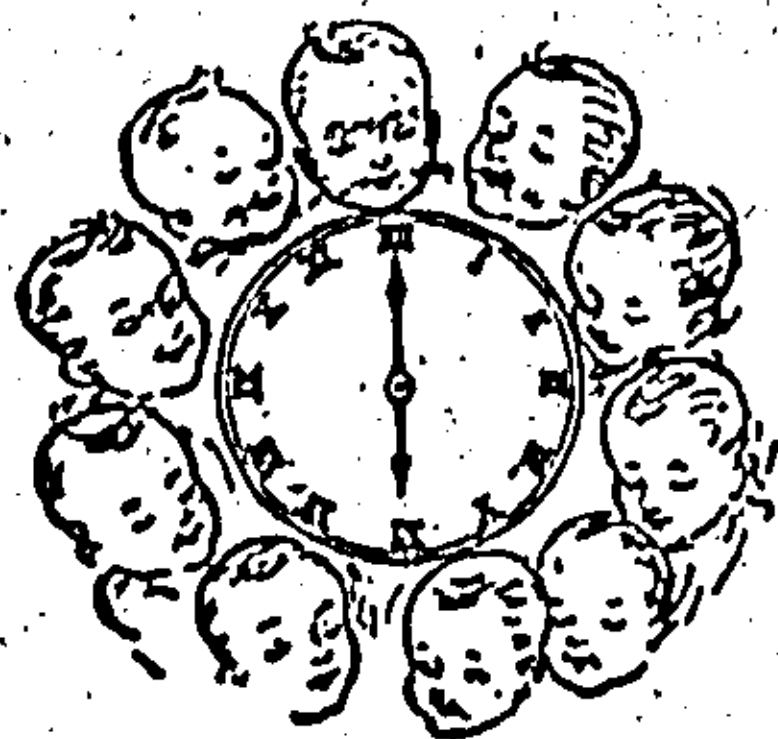
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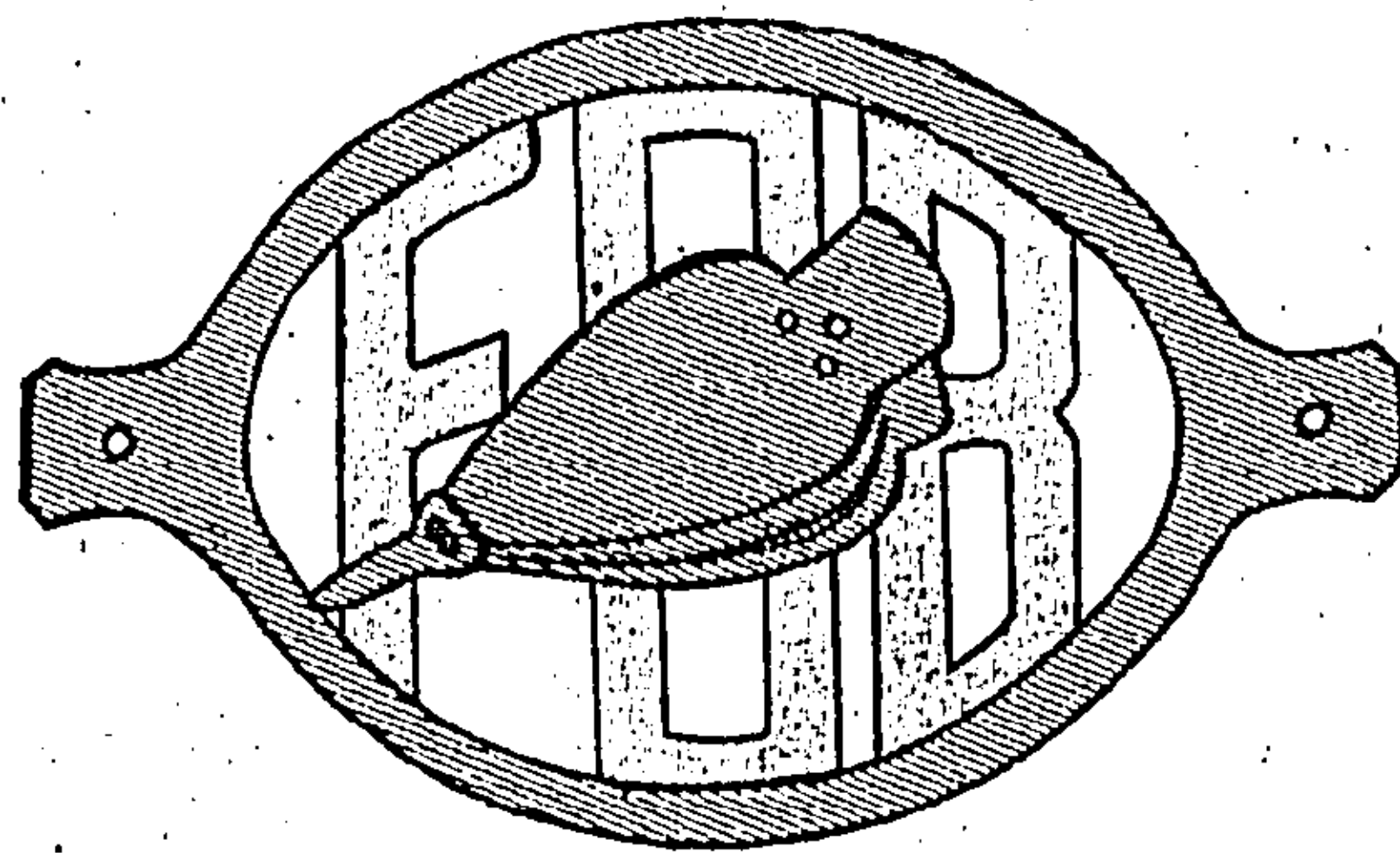
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### MOMENTOUS DAYS AHEAD

THE third year of World War II opens in an atmosphere promising momentous happenings and decisions, the impact of which will be felt by almost every country in the universe. It opens with the democracies stronger materially and spiritually than they were a year ago and the Axis proportionately weaker; for each part of the world something of special significance is happening.

For America, it is the Greer incident and the possible repercussions therefrom; will it hasten the entry of the United States into the conflict, or will it serve only to make more energetic and determined America's material efforts to aid Britain and Russia?

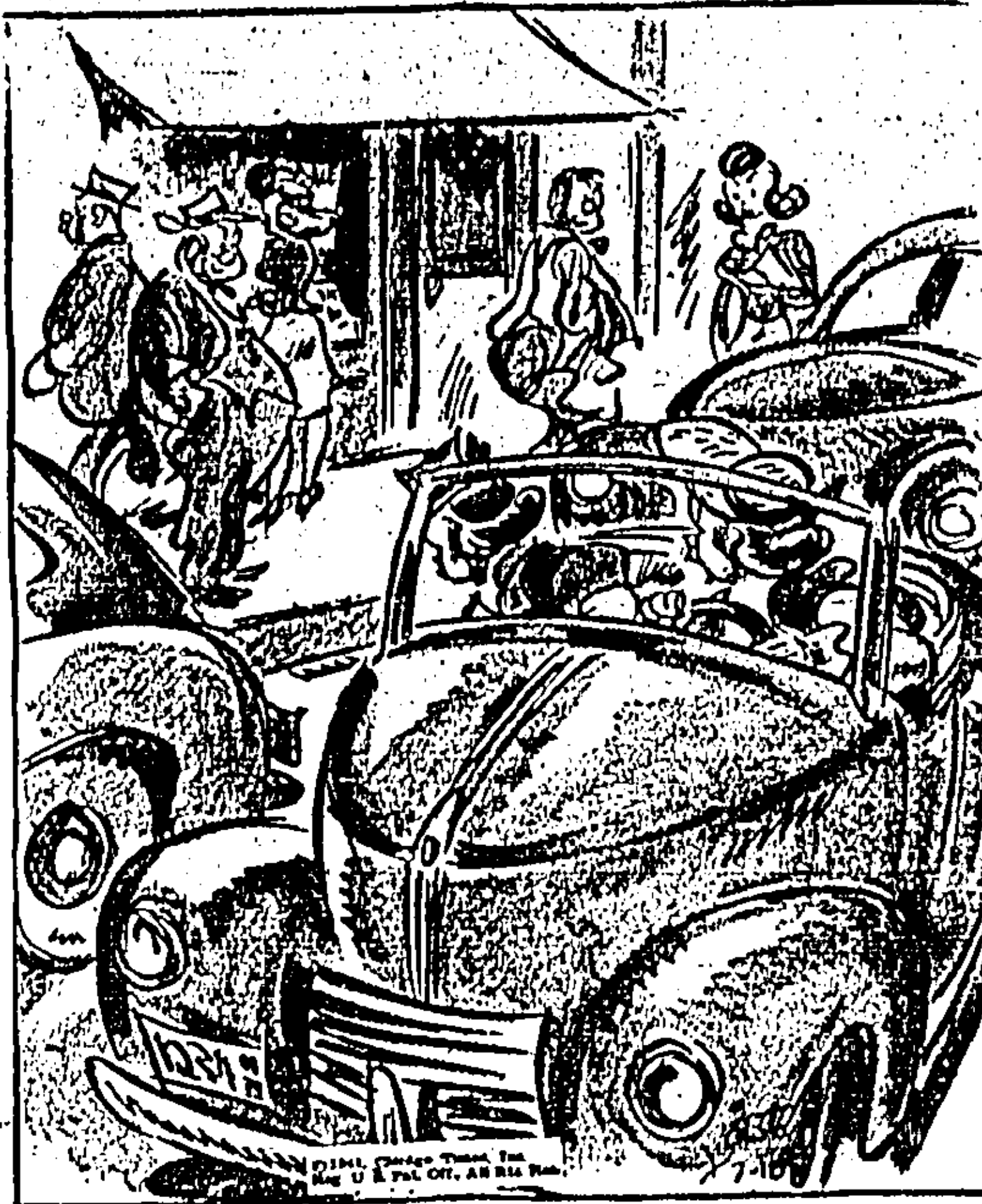
For Britain, the third year opens with more and more men being called away from private work to active soldiering, their places to be filled by women; does this presage the long-awaited invasion of the Continent?

For Japan the crucial topic of the day is the likely outcome of the present negotiations between her and the United States which were initiated by the personal note from Prince Konoye to President Roosevelt. If best informed observers are correct in their analysis, the results of these negotiations may determine the prolonged existence or sudden death of the Konoye Cabinet.

For China, the start of the third year of the European war brings renewed encouragement to continue her magnificent fight against Japanese aggression, knowing full well that more and more assistance is forthcoming from the democracies to this end.

Hongkong's interests are bound up with those of the mother country and the rest of the Empire. But this war anniversary brings also with it a domestic pre-occupation. A Governor has just departed and a new administrator is arriving this week; he comes at an acute moment and his task is going to be no sinecure. Happily we can depend upon the fullest measure of support and encouragement from the community which, despite its concern over local problems which are having a big influence on

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## SPOTLIGHT ON TOKYO TODAY

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## IS JAPAN NOW DESPERATE?

BY H. O. THOMPSON

Japan for a decade has than dishonour, would be prepared to take if circumstances brought them to it.

The effect of that psychology on American policy became apparent when President Roosevelt said, "If we had cut the oil off they probably would have gone down to the Dutch East Indies a year ago and you would have had war."

The United States is better prepared to-day than she was a year ago to deal with aggressive actions by Japan. Japan undoubtedly knows that. But a constant consideration in dealing with Japan is Nippon's readiness to take on risks which if handled by a western diplomat, would send him reeling in to a golfing week-end to recover his shattered poise.

### YOSHIZAWA'S VIEW

Further understanding of Japan's current actions can be obtained from a statement given to me by Kenkichi Yoshizawa, the man who this year conducted unsuccessful trade negotiations with the Netherlands East Indies at Batavia.

I talked with Mr Yoshizawa after the United States abrogated its commercial treaty with Japan in 1939 and before that abrogation became effective on January 26, 1940. There was talk in Tokyo at the time of a possible non-aggression treaty between Japan and the Soviet Union. I sounded out Mr Yoshizawa, a former Foreign Minister and one of Japan's top-ranking diplomats, on the subject.

"I feel sure that nothing of the kind is at present being considered by the Japanese Government," Mr Yoshizawa told me.

"Some people here are thinking that Japan, if driven into a corner by the Powers, including America, must take a firm stand, possibly meaning a political agreement with Russia or something along that line."

"Some elements favour desperate measures of that sort, but I'm sure the Government does not regard the present stage as needing any such desperate means. I'm sure we haven't reached any such desperate situation yet."

Accepting Mr Yoshizawa's definition of a desperate situation, Japan seems certainly to

## Young Huns Taught To Be Brutal

Long before the Nazis publicly clamoured for the return of their colonies, bewildered German parents were asked to give their sons an education that would make them into "good colonial administrators."

Quite a number of German fathers and mothers who accepted this advice were not less surprised to hear that their sons were being trained to be toughs to an extent that was not even expected from a real Stormtrooper.

This school for German colonial experts saw to it that its pupils should know all about the history of German colonial activity. Yet no teacher told the boys that Hitler's historical idols, Frederick the Great, and Bismarck, had pronounced strongly against overseas possessions.

Nor did they reveal that Germany, at its peak as a colonial power, had imported from the colonies less than two-thirds percent of its total imports and that, when Germany finally entered the race for colonies, it picked only those which had strategic value and menaced French or British overseas possessions or communications.

Guided by Hitler's old friend, General Epp, who had aided and abetted the Nazis in their early Munich days, a shadow colonial organisation sprang up to take over one day where Germany left off when the Great War began.

This organisation left little doubt that the Nazis would return to the old German methods.

Men like General Trotha, the German boss of West Africa, became the new heroes. He was the man responsible for the Herero Massacre.

Only 15,000 remained of 85,000 of these unfortunate people after the Germans had finished with them. "Make no prisoners," said Trotha. "Kill every one."

Now General von Epp, who has tried to revive this old spirit in young Nazis, to teach them new cruelties to exceed those employed against the Jews, comes out of the shadow as Nazi Germany's first Minister for Colonies.

He does not think merely of Germany's old colonies which Hitler once hoped to reconquer. The new Nazi Minister aims higher and farther: the whole of Africa, British, French, Belgian, South African possessions; in short, everything is to be Nazified.

Administrators are ready for every job. Colonial police and troops have undergone special training. The Gestapo will, according to Epp's plans, operate in the jungles, whence they derive their conception of law and order, anyway!—*from John Bull.*

## CONTRACT BRIDGE

How to Play  
AND  
How to Win  
By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

### Unorthodox but Brilliant

THE Culbertson table of leads is a general guide that will be effective in the great majority of cases. As proof, however, that no table or rule can be devised that will do a player's thinking for him, I commend the following deal to my readers' attention:

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
Match-point, duplicate.

♠ A 7	♠ A 7	♠ A 7	♠ A 7
♥ 10 6 2	♥ 10 6 2	♥ 10 6 2	♥ 10 6 2
♦ Q 5 4	♦ Q 5 4	♦ Q 5 4	♦ Q 5 4
♣ K J 10 9	♣ K J 10 9	♣ K J 10 9	♣ K J 10 9

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass  
3 NT Pass Pass Pass

In a twelve table duplicate game, every North-South pair reached the identical three no-trump contract, and probably by the same bidding sequence. Unbelievable as it may seem, eleven declarers brought home their contracts without having been called on for so much as a finesse. The twelfth was "fixed to the queen's taste" by the opening lead.

At eleven tables, West chose the normal orthodox lead of the club. East had to cover with the singleton queen, and in every case declarer ducked. Unable to return a club, East had to shift and it was the simplest possible matter for declarer to get his spades established before West could run the club suit. The unfortunate twelfth declarer saw a different card led originally,

### To-morrow's Hand

West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ 7 4 3	♠ 7 4 3	♠ 7 4 3	♠ 7 4 3
♥ 10	♥ 10	♥ 10	♥ 10
♦ 9 7 6 4 3 2	♦ 9 7 6 4 3 2	♦ 9 7 6 4 3 2	♦ 9 7 6 4 3 2
♣ 8 5 4	♣ 8 5 4	♣ 8 5 4	♣ 8 5 4

How should this hand be bid?



## Barelegged Women In St Peter's

BERNE, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—It is learned from the Vatican City that shortage of women's stockings in Italy has caused a minor revolution in Catholic traditions.

To-day the Vatican authorities permitted women to enter St Peter's without stockings.

The decision, which was based on the almost complete lack of stockings in Italy except for women able to pay exorbitant prices, will probably be applied to all Italian churches.

## Britons End Air Courses In America

Now Preparing For Advanced Training

LAKELAND, Fla., Aug. 16.—Two groups of Royal Air Force cadets, the first to complete primary flight training in this country, left to-day for Gunter Field, Montgomery, Ala., to receive basic training.

A group of fifty-three was graduated at the Middle Aeronautical School at Arcadia last night. A group of twenty-five was graduated at the Lakeland School of Aeronautics to-day. Both groups merged for the trip to Alabama.

At the Lakeland ceremony the diplomas were delivered by Governor Spessard L. Holland. Sharing in the graduation was Fred J. Elser of Astoria, L. I., whose training had been set back by a leg injury. At the request of the British cadets, Governor Holland handed the first diploma to the American.

**Fight For Right**  
Addressing the British cadets, Governor Holland, who won the Distinguished Service Medal as an aviator in France in the last war, said:

"We think of you as eagles going out to fight for the right. There are some fliers over yonder who are vultures instead of eagles. They are brutal representatives of totalitarianism who have no regard for the human decencies.

"We are drawn closer to you. I remember how happy I was to return home after the war. It was a happy homecoming and with every one of you a happy homecoming.

Group Captain D. V. Carnegie, director of British air training in the United States, spoke at the ceremonies in Arcadia and here.

**St Leger Favourite Beaten By Head**  
MANCHESTER, Sept. 6 (Reuter).—A record crowd, including hundreds of Lancashire war workers snatching a brief respite from their labour, to-day saw Sun Castle win the St Leger, the last of the classic races of the season, beating Chateau La Rose by a head in a thrilling finish.

Sun Castle is owned by Lord Portal, who has an important job in the Ministry of Supply. Chateau La Rose is owned by Mr. Harry Morris, Shanghai business man.

Lord Glanville's Dancing Time, the only filly in the race, finished third, one length behind.

Devonian was clear of the field at the half-mile post, but Mazarin took the lead on entering the straight. Mazarin, a six-year-old, was two furlongs from home, then Chateau La Rose went to the front just below the distance but was immediately challenged by Sun Castle and Dancing Time in a great race with Sun Castle just forging ahead.

Sun Castle covered the mile and six furlongs course in 3 mins 4 2/5 seconds. Mazarin had every chance when he took the lead on entering the straight but failed to stay the pace which was increased in the last furlong.

## Huts For Winter Campaign

ANKARA, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Finland, Hungary and Rumania saw falls are busy producing thousands of standardised wooden huts which the Germans have ordered for use in Russia during the winter.

The need for these huts is demonstrated in the film of the Russian war which the German Embassy recently showed to Turkish journalists who are amazed by the fact that they saw not a single hut standing throughout the film. The huts are being made without windows with an air space between the inner and the outer walls in order to keep out the intense cold.

## Call To Jews

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz is issuing a call to all Jewish communities throughout the British Empire to join in a "week of re-dedication" in a period culminating in a day of atonement.

The week will be inaugurated by broadcast addresses on September 21 and 22.

## Japanese Silence On Oil Tankers

SHANGHAI, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The arrival of two American tankers at Wanchow with oil for Russia has not so far been reported in any Japanese newspaper as the result of action taken by Japanese censorship, according to foreign reports reaching Shanghai.



RUSSIANS GO TO WAR—This is one of the first pictures sent by radio from Moscow to New York, a distance of 4,750 miles, as a radiophoto transmission test. It shows a Soviet motor cycle squad moving up to the front.

## Gracie Fields Back In England And Hearts Of Her Countrymen

LONDON, July 16.—Gracie Fields, who six months ago was regarded critically hereabouts, is back in Britain and the hearts of her countrymen.

Gracie's songs have cheered soldiers of two wars, but she was criticised in the press and the House of Commons during the last year because she remained in North America.

## Patriotism And Football Being Made To Combine

An inquiry into the status of representatives of clubs affiliated to the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, via a visit to their relationship with the Chungking Government, will soon be conducted, as the result of a resolution passed at the monthly meeting of the Federation last week.

It was learned from Mr. Mok Hing, the President, yesterday that the matter was first brought up by a representative of the Hongkong and Kowloon Residents' Union, who proposed two rules.

One of which was to the effect that any club which is a member of the federation should lose its membership status if its registration has either been cancelled or refused by the Chungking Government. The other rule was that any representative of a club affiliated to the Federation whose actions have been found contrary to the interests of the Chungking Government or who has been censured or disapproved by that Government should lose its representative status in the Federation.

These rules were passed on the first reading, but when they came up for their second reading one member commented, in regard to the first one, that, while he was entirely in favour of it, he would like to have the wording made clearer.

The views of this member, according to Mr. Mok, were that the majority of the 11 clubs who are members of the Federation were not registered with the Chungking Government. Besides, there was nothing in the rules to compel a club to register and therefore the proposed resolution, as it was worded, was ineffective.

**Heated Discussion**  
A heated discussion, said Mr. Mok, then followed during which it was suggested that the proposal be reworded so that the minutes instead of being passed as a rule. The representative of the Residents' Union, however, insisted, said Mr. Mok, on his proposal being passed as it stood, and he was supported by 11 of the 30 representatives present; but the rules of the Federation required a two-thirds majority and therefore it was defeated.

Subsequently, the Residents' Union resigned from the Federation as a result of this disagreement. Mr. Mok emphasised that practically all the members were in favour of the idea behind the proposal and that the only difficulty was on the way in which it was worded.

The Federation later held another meeting at which it was agreed to amend the wording of the proposal to read to the effect that any club acting contrary to the interests of the Chungking Government or which has been declared by the Government to be an enemy of the Chinese registration has either been cancelled or refused by the Government, should lose its membership status in the Federation. This proposal was passed.

**Inquiry**  
In regard to the second proposal of the Residents' Union, which was also defeated, Mr. Mok said that a representative of the Eastern Athletic Association suggested that an inquiry be held into the status of each representative in the Federation vis-a-vis their relationships with the Chungking Government. This suggestion was approved and the Federation has appointed a special committee, comprising one member from each affiliated club, to conduct the inquiry.

It was learned that the Federation has on its membership list 31 clubs, each of which is entitled to have five representatives on the council.

## Mackenzie King In London

OTTAWA, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Minister, arrived in Montreal from London to-day.

When he alighted from a transport plane of the R.A.F. Ferry Command, he was greeted by Mr. E. Lapointe, Minister of Justice, and Mr. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions.

**Used As A Base**  
This island is believed by the Spaniards in the Canary Islands to

## Belgian Children Spend Summer In Swiss Mountains

BRUSSELS—Hundreds of Belgian boys and girls have been travelling from Brussels to Switzerland to enjoy three months in the Swiss mountains at the expense of Swiss families.

This charitable project has been carried out by the Swiss Organisation for Helping Child Victims of the War. The intention is to give the young guests good plain wholesome food and an outdoor life under the most attractive conditions. Children selected are mainly those of soldiers who have been killed, wounded, or taken prisoner in the war.

Netherlanders, too, are taking an interest in Belgian children. Last year Dutch people of the town of Breda, who had taken temporary refuge in Belgium during the German invasion and had received liberal food and shelter at Antwerp, showed their gratitude by offering to receive several hundred poor children from Antwerp and entertain them during the months of June, July and August.

Arrangements were made with the Department of the Interior at The Hague to increase the rations for those families, which had young Belgian guests staying with them.

## U.S. Gasoline Goes To Dakar

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Mr. Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, disclosed to-day that, under a special arrangement, a French tanker had landed 2,000 tons of American gasoline at Dakar, French West Africa.

The gasoline is for civilian use, was loaded with the full approval of the British, and its distribution will be supervised by an American control.

Mr. Welles emphasized that the arrangement was for one shipment only, and that the agreement between the United States and France for resumption of trade with French North Africa had not been extended to include Dakar.

The tanker was the Scheherazade which was seized by the British in May and held at Bermuda until the new agreement covering shipments to Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia had been worked out.

## Nazis Said Building Sub Bases in Canary Islands

Joe Congress, on WBYN recently relayed an eye-witness report of Nazi war preparations on Spain's Canary Islands—where Nazi bases could be just as great a threat to U.S. security as Nazi bases on Iceland.

Mr. Congress quoted a person recently returned from the islands, which are just off the coast of Morocco.

"This eye-witness states," he said, "that Spanish troops, under German direction, are rushing construction of fortifications in the Canary Islands. These fortifications include placing of eight-inch gun batteries at strategic points along the coastlines of the islands and an elaborate system of trenches and breastworks. The work has been intensified since President Roosevelt's speech in which he referred to America's Atlantic outposts.

"The major construction is going on on the islands of Grand Canary and Tenerife. Large sections of the coast have been declared defense areas and the local population is forbidden to visit them. On Tenerife, where the authorities describe as a 'fish packing' factory is being rushed to completion.

"This island is believed by the Spaniards in the Canary Islands to be used as a German and Italian submarine refueling base. Since entrance to the district where the construction is proceeding is barred to this public, the new building is believed to be installations for a major submarine base."

The Canary Islands, Mr. Congress continued, are virtually under German domination. Gestapo officials control the local police. More than 1,000 Germans are in Tenerife and Grand Canary. Most of them are officially members of the ground crew of Lufthansa, but not operated as a service to the islands in more than six months.

**Shipping Menaced**  
Mr. Congress said that the Spanish garrison numbered about 5,000, and that reinforcements were expected. The importance of this news, he pointed out, was that U-boats stationed on the Canary Islands would menace American shipping to the British Middle East—where American ships are now reported arriving at the rate of one a day.

## Foochow Is Returning To Normalcy

FOOCHOW, Sept. 7 (Central News).—Conditions in Foochow are gradually returning to normal. With the rehabilitation of the city under way, former residents are returning in large numbers.

To relieve the acute shortage of food the Fukien Provincial Food Bureau has sent here a considerable quantity of rice, for distribution among the refugees. The price of the staple is now quoted at \$160 per picul; at the time of the fall of the city it rose to as high as over \$1,000 per picul.

Communication on the Min River was restored yesterday when a ship left here down river amid scenes of wild enthusiasm. Thousands of persons lined the banks and cheered the departing vessel and fire-crackers were let off.

## Nazi-Turkish Trade Talks

ISTANBUL, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Dr. Clodius, the German trade negotiator, has now arrived here by air at the head of a large delegation including nine economic experts. They are proceeding to-morrow to Ankara where talks will take place. The Turkish delegates will be headed by M. Kishmir, Counselor of the Ministry of Commerce.

It is believed that the new agreement envisages transactions valued at about £20,000,000 based on the barter system. In view of defects in the means of transport and the difficulties of communications by land and sea it is considered that the Germans will be unable to derive all the advantages hoped for from the agreement.

## Japanese Withdraw From Syria

BEIRUT, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Japanese Consulate-General here, which has jurisdiction over Syria, Lebanon and Palestine, will close on Monday owing to the existing circumstances.

The Consul General, Mr. Saito, and the Vice-Consul are leaving Beirut. Other Japanese officials and civilians have already left for Japan.

**Catrox Consultations**  
DAMASCUS, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Free French leader, General Georges Catroux, has proceeded to Aleppo for consultations with leading personalities concerning Syria's future.

**Enemy Escort Ship Blows Up**  
LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—An escort vessel was blown up and a supply ship was set on fire off the Dutch coast to-day, according to an Air Ministry communique.

The communique states: "Blitzkreuzer of the Bomber Command, escorted by fighters, attacked an enemy supply ship and an escort vessel off the Dutch coast early this afternoon. The escort vessel was hit and set on fire and the supply ship was set on fire."

"An enemy fighter was destroyed by our escorting fighters. Our fighters also carried out several offensive sweeps over Northern France in the course of which we destroyed a second enemy fighter. In these operations we lost two Blenheim and two fighters."

## New Incidents In Paris

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Swiss radio under the title of "New Incidents in Paris" reports a fire alleged to have been started maliciously in the garage of the 16th Arrondissement of Paris which was requisitioned by the Germans. Firemen extinguished the fire.

Investigators found in the garage bombs which had not exploded. In the Eiffel Tower quarter revolver shots were fired at a German soldier who was slightly wounded.

In the Bourse district a German civilian was ill-treated, the Swiss radio adds.

**MEN OF SCIENCE IN WORLD OF TO-MORROW**  
LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Representatives of Britain and the United States, Soviet Russia and China will meet at a three-day scientific conference in London on September 28-29 "to demonstrate the common purpose of men of science in ensuring a post-war order in which the maximum benefits of science can be secured for all people."

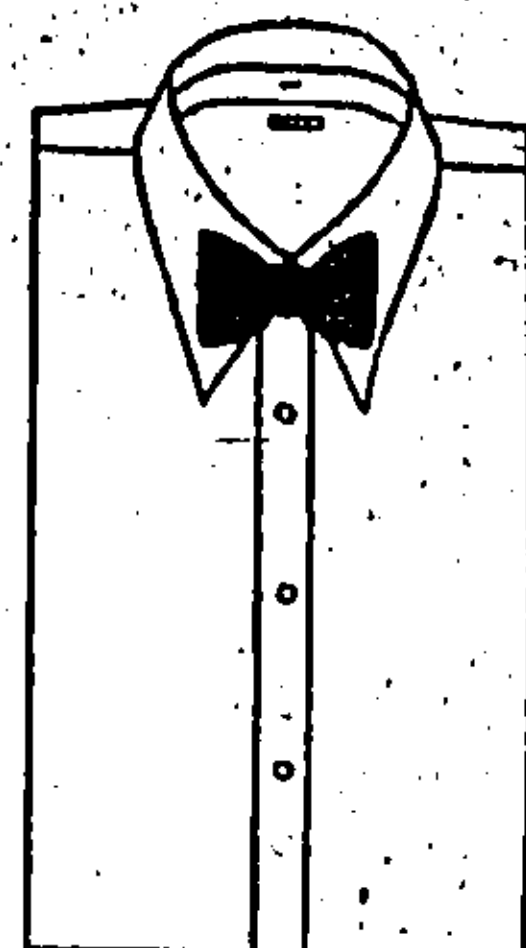
Mr. John Winant, M. Maleky, and Dr. Wellington Koo are the American, Russian and Chinese Ambassadors who will preside at some of the sessions.

Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France will also be represented, and called scientists from Germany and Austria will probably also be present.

## Ex-President Dead

HAVANA, Sept. 7 (UP).—The former President of Cuba, Senator Mario Garcia Menocal, 78, died here to-day.

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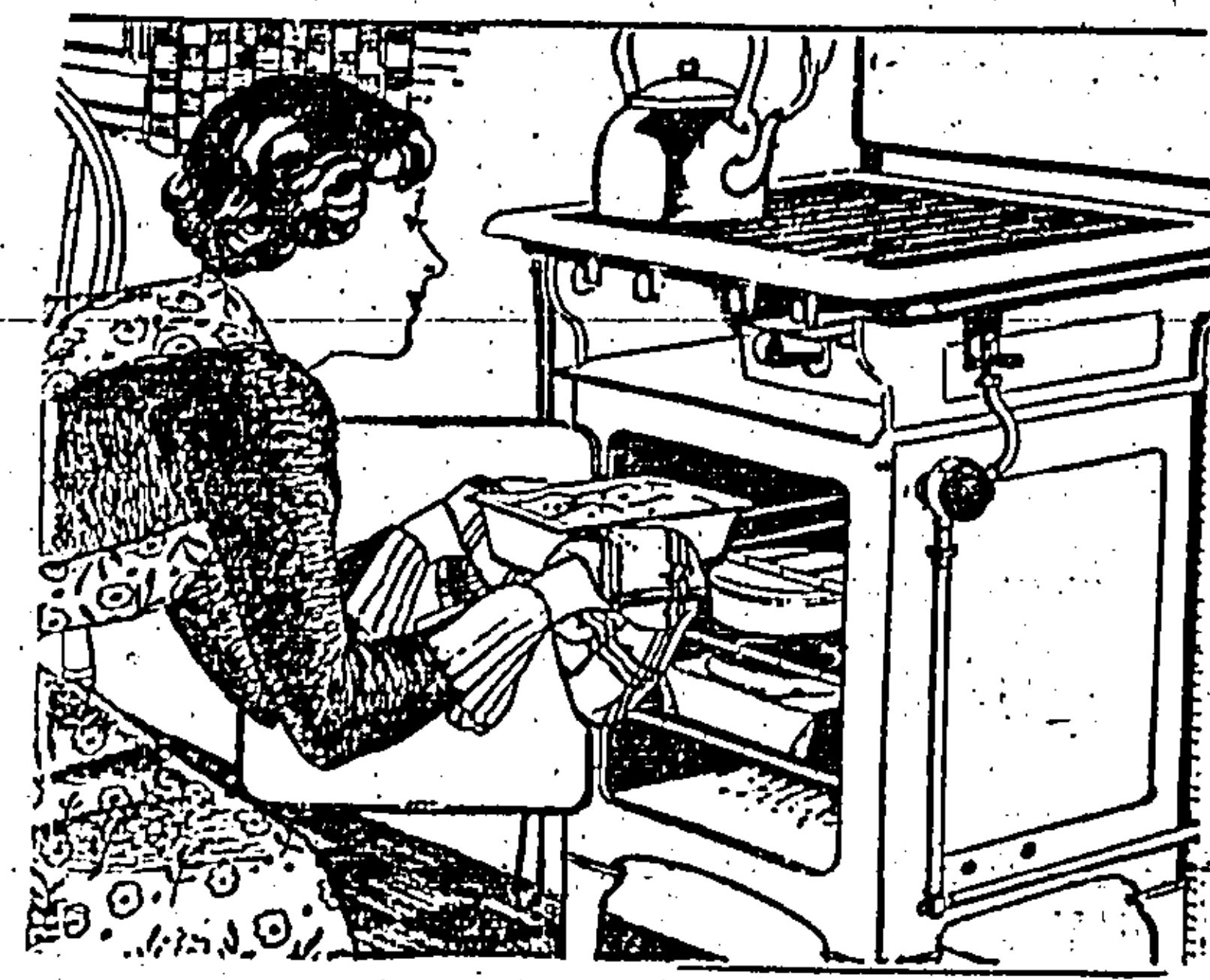
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SWISS DEFENDERS—Switzerland is menaced on all sides by the Nazis, but has so far managed to maintain her status as an independent state. These are Swiss soldiers with their carefully trained dogs.







# NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

## Economic War Came As U.S. PUBLIC OPINION ON THE WAR A Shock To Japanese Can Readily Turn To Action

TOKYO, July 26.—Within a few hours after President Roosevelt's order freezing Japanese assets and credits in the United States was announced, the Japanese Government retaliated by freezing the assets and credits of American and Philippine nationals and corporations within the Japanese Empire. The government was in consultation with the Manchukuoan and Nanking regimes to extend the freezing operation in their territories as well, writes Otto D. Tolischus in the "New York Times."

Therewith, in the view of Japanese official quarters, business circles and the press, have begun an open economic war between the United States and the British Empire on the one hand and the Japanese Empire and the areas it controls on the other hand. It is expected to wither whatever international trade remains and in the words of the ultranationalist Nichi Nichi is but "one step from armed warfare."

It was obvious that not only to the uninformed Japanese public but even to otherwise well-informed business quarters the various developments of the day came as a profound shock.

In point of fact there were indications that President Roosevelt's swift action had surprised even the government, which, though it had taken some precautionary measures to meet the consequences of its move on French Indo-China, had been rather hopefully relying on former Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka's past assurances of America's passivity and the influence of American isolationists. These latter have been commanding considerable attention in the Japanese press.

### No Further Aggravation

At the same time perhaps the most notable feature of the situation is that, except for some alarming newspaper statements, there is no desire in any Japanese quarters to aggravate the situation any further. Business circles even express the hope that the American decrees may leave some loopholes for a modicum of trade on a cash basis.

In respect to its advance into French Indo-China, the government, both in its official announcement and in a radio broadcast by Dr. Nobuyuki Kato, president of the Information Board, who is sometimes referred to as the "Japanese Goebbels," has emphasized that Japan was acting in "self-defence" and in perfect agreement with the Vichy government.

The official announcement stressed France's consistent friendly cooperation.

tion with Japan and the long-standing friendly relations between Japan and French Indo-China, antedating Japan's century-long self-isolation. It asserted, however, that new developments in Europe and East Asia were threatening the security of French Indo-China, which in self-defence neither Japan nor France could overlook.

### Negotiations Called Friendly

For that reason, the announcement continued, Japan opened up negotiations with Vichy, which, it said, progressed smoothly in a friendly atmosphere and led to the conclusion on July 21 of a joint defence agreement for Indo-China, the exact nature of which was not specified.

"Japan and France," the announcement says, "thus have been ushered into more intimate relations with each other, with French Indo-China serving as their connecting link. Needless to say, it will greatly contribute toward the stabilization of co-existence and co-prosperity in Greater East Asia."

"It scarcely needs reiteration that the Japanese Government intends strictly to observe the various existing agreements between Japan and France concerning French Indo-China and to respect the territorial integrity and sovereignty of French Indo-China and Japan will put forth an increasing effort to promote friendly relations between Japan and France, thereby realizing the common prosperity of the two countries."

In line with this announcement Dr. Kato repeated the constant complaint of all Japanese quarters, that "the United States Government fails to understand Japan's real intentions."

### No Direct Charges

Government quarters have been careful to refrain from any direct charges against either the United States or Britain. The press, however, asserts that French Indo-China was threatened with the fate of Syria because of British measures, and a large de Gaulle element in Saigon as well as concentrations of Chungking troops on the north.

In the view of some seasoned observers here the Japanese advance into French Indo-China might in fact be more a flanking move to cut off the last communications of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for the "last big push" advocated by Major Gen. Shunroku Hata, Japanese Commander in Chief in China, to "settle the China incident," which is still Japan's primary concern rather than another step in Japan's southward advance.

But the government radio suggested today that Britain might undertake the "military oppression" of Thailand as a counter measure to the Japanese step. This suggestion holds ominous possibilities.

### Effects of Order

As regards the American and British freezing order, it is generally admitted here that it is bound to have a crippling effect on Japan's trade, not only with the United States and the British Empire but also with South America. It will necessitate a drastic readjustment and more cash payments, even within the "Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere," where balances still have been settled in New York in dollars. But Finance Minister Masatsune Ogura, in a reassuring statement to the press, declared that Japan's American balances were small and that American-Japanese trade had been diminishing, so the effect of President Roosevelt's measure would be "comparatively slight."

The press, quoting financial quarters, insisted, in fact, that the United States was bound to lose more than Japan because American assets in Japan were large—although most of them are already frozen through foreign exchange control. Moreover, Japanese financial quarters assert that Japan has already fortified herself against such a blow by various measures such as foreign exchange control laws, concentration of dollar and pound exchange in the Yokohama Specie Bank and the forward exchange contract system.

### Hope for Exceptions

Nevertheless commercial circles are anxiously awaiting details of the American and British orders in the hope that exceptions might be permitted. At least, it is pointed out, the Anglo-Japanese commerce and navigation treaty remains effective for one year and the trade treaties with India and Burma for six months.

At the same time, both official quarters and the press emphatically assert that President Roosevelt's step can never affect Japan's policies, which remain "unchangeable, immutable and irrevocable." In fact, they declare, such steps can only strengthen Japan's determination to create an East Asiatic self-sufficiency sphere.

The Japanese freezing order provides in addition to the previous foreign exchange control regulations that foreign nationals affected by the new order as well as persons dealing with them, must obtain the approval of the Finance Ministry for virtually all transactions, including the acquisition and disposal of movable and immovable property, real rights, credits, loan deposit and trust fund securities, offset of credits and debts, guarantee and acceptance of debts, consumer loans and deposits, and Japanese currency exceeding 500 yen monthly. Payments of taxes and salaries of Japanese employers are exempted.

### AIR LETTER CARD

Mr. Allan Chapman, Assistant Postmaster General, in reply to a question, told the House of Commons recently that the P.M.G. would shortly issue a light weight air letter card for use in writing to British prisoners of war. By this means it would be possible to reduce the air mail fee.

"United Press" Correspondent Virgil Pinkley, who has just completed a tour of 38 states in the United States, travelling 52,000 miles in four months, hereby reports on his observations regarding American public opinion with reference to the war.

By VIRGIL PINKLEY

NEW YORK, Aug. 31 (UP).—United States public opinion about the war has undergone great changes during the past 15 months.

A momentous national debate continues about the policies which should be adopted to prepare for whatever the future brings, but there is one point on which a near 100 per cent. unity is apparent. It is to build up a defence establishment at whatever cost. That is saying considerable when individual taxes have doubled or even tripled.

More people have discarded the idea that the second world war is just another far away conflict and are studying its developments carefully as something which directly affects them. They still talk about the muddled world situation.

On the eastern seaboard and in the deep south, a much greater portion of people believe that the war would inevitably involve the United States than in the traditionally isolated midwest. The southerners have been Anglophile ever since the civil war.

On the Pacific coast, main attention is riveted on the Pacific because people there feel that Japanese ambitions are a distinct threat to the United States. However, a good many west coast businessmen and industrialists express the belief that an Axis victory in Europe would bring on a vicious economic struggle for both Oriental and South American markets.

### Germans Suspected

In the eastern part of the United States, many persons have expressed the belief that Germany has designs on the American continent. They base this expression on the conquest of the Low Countries and the Balkans, the entry into north Africa and the attack on Russia. They add

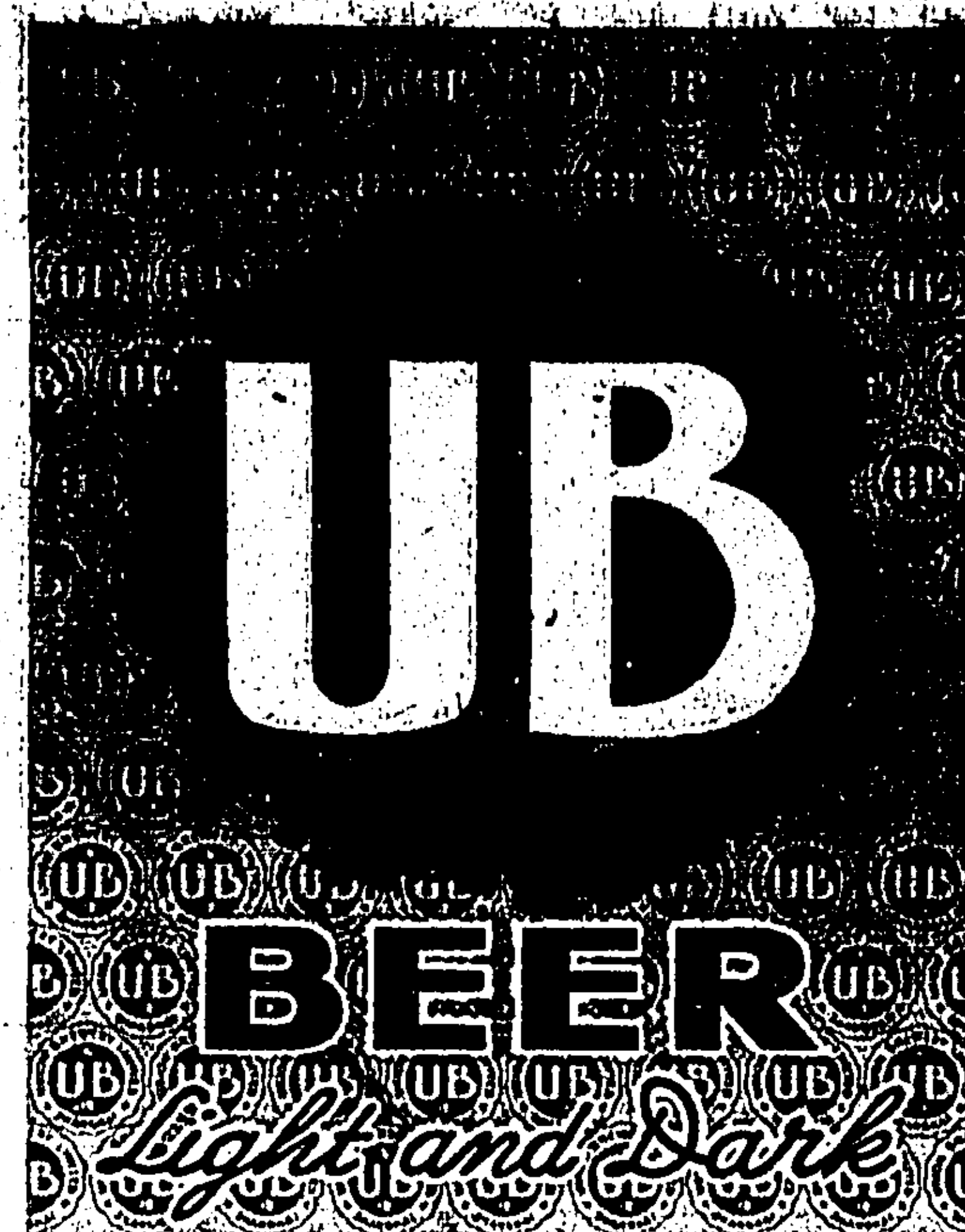
the opinion that if Germany was victorious in Europe, the Nazis immediately would be in a position to carry on a tremendous price-cutting economic war based on barter exchanges.

Some persons prophesy that should Britain be beaten by the Nazis, the United States and Germany are certain to clash militarily in the future over Latin America or the Atlantic Islands. Others feel that the United States' commitments to aid England and China are so conclusive the United States is now in the war in every respect except the shooting.

### Isolationists Active

On the other hand, the isolationists continue their running attack to keep the United States out of war, conducting a more vigorous campaign than a year ago.

There really has been little emotional appeal to stir up the public. If the vast network of the press, radio and cinema is ever brought into play to accomplish a specific change in public opinion—plus rallies in cities, towns and country schoolhouses—the national sentiment might be crystallized almost overnight in favour of some specific line of action. This has happened before.



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## Crossword Puzzle

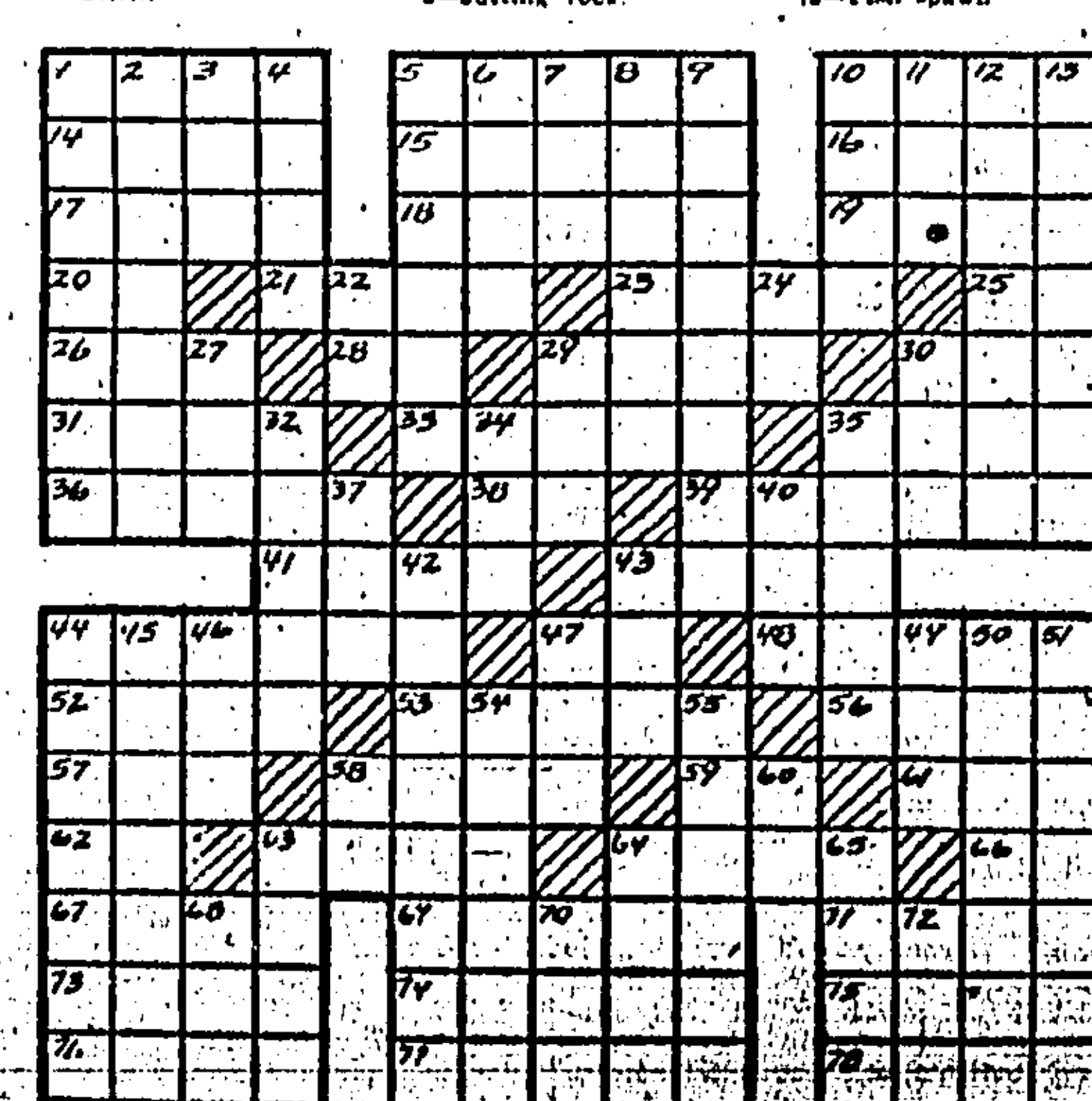
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Pelted
- 2—Ituna in competition
- 3—Heraldic
- 4—Heraldic
- 5—Dark and valuable wood
- 6—Cures
- 7—Beginner
- 8—Dancer
- 9—Of chaotic simplicity
- 10—Heavy existence
- 11—Spot of ink
- 12—Pleased
- 13—Polynesian alias
- 14—Used to be
- 15—Butter like
- 16—Fall to include
- 17—Talk inconsiderately
- 18—Distance from right to left wheel
- 19—On side away from
- 20—Butt of contemptuous meaning
- 21—Exposition denoting location
- 22—Makes changes in
- 23—Furniture
- 24—Of tangible quality
- 25—Furniture device
- 26—Advances
- 27—Vain
- 28—Recently deceased
- 29—Joke along
- 30—Critic
- 31—World War pier
- 32—Bound with rope
- 33—Tiver in Italy
- 34—And not
- 35—Stylish
- 36—Pleasant
- 37—Orient

DOWN

- 1—American grape
- 2—Kind of living creature (pl.)
- 3—Justing rock
- 4—Vulgar pretender to gentility
- 5—Help
- 6—Heraldic
- 7—Falls together
- 8—Dancer
- 9—Family of anemids
- 10—Lord of everything
- 11—Wrathful condition
- 12—Play on words
- 13—Properties
- 14—Feminine
- 15—Article
- 16—Toward
- 17—Predicted
- 18—Above (contraction)
- 19—Isolate drink
- 20—Tightly drawn
- 21—Iron
- 22—Book of maps
- 23—General opinion of person (slang)
- 24—Move slowly
- 25—Presume into place of corgies
- 26—Furniture
- 27—Attachment for ice
- 28—Used as food
- 29—Lord of everything
- 30—Play on words
- 31—Away
- 32—Brazilian bird
- 33—Birds who draw in
- 34—Birds (tree "cool")
- 35—Preparation
- 36—Geologic group
- 37—No difficulty
- 38—Part of alembic
- 39—Number of fingers
- 40—Plea spew



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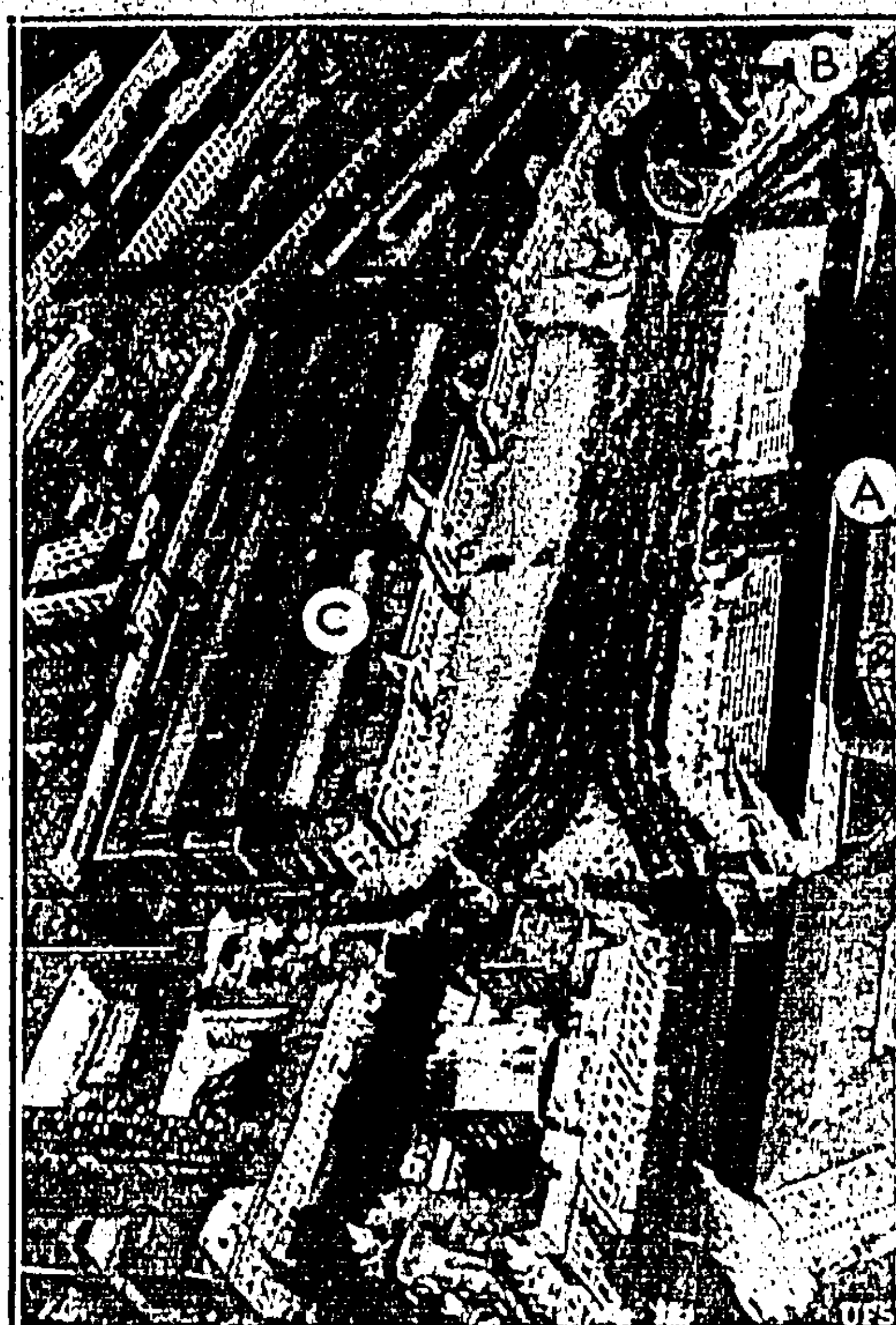
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**WHERE BOMBS HIT**—This is the Red Square area in Moscow where Nazi airmen let loose their bombs, in the first raids on the Soviet capital. A—Kremlin wall; B—famed Cathedral of St. Basil; C—Red Army administrative office building.

## Expansion Plans For U.S. Navy Disclosed

WASHINGTON, July 24.—The Navy Department was disclosed to-day to have plans for immediate organization of two barrage balloon squadrons, totalling 150 barrage balloons, for the protection of fleet bases against aircraft attack.

Rear Admiral John H. Towers, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, told a House Appropriations Sub-committee, in testimony made public to-day, that "barrage balloons are considered to be an essential and valuable part of the defence of a fleet base, air station, or naval base."

The barrage balloons were estimated to cost about \$9,500 each. First squadrons would be located at Quantico, Va., and Parris Island, S. C.

Admiral Towers also told of plans to construct two training towers for parachute troops at New River, N. C., for training in the First Marine Division, and added that a request for \$100,000 for initial installations "does not include all of the projected future requirements in parachute-troop equipment."

**No Underground Hangars**  
He also testified that it was planned to "construct" funds for 21 additional patrol-type ships at a cost of \$325,000 each, to station nine at Lakehurst, N. C., six at Boston, and six at San Francisco. Six are now under contract.

Rear Admiral Ben Moreell, Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, testified that no Navy coastal aeroplane hangars were being constructed below ground due to the danger of flood, but that all gasoline would be stored underground.

"We have found from information that we have obtained from Europe," Admiral Moreell added, "that the safest protection for the planes is dispersion rather than to attempt to build tremendous structures underground. They would be tremendously costly. A seaplane hangar which now costs us about \$800,000 above ground would cost something like \$3,000,000 underground."

## Pres. Roosevelt's Aged Mother Passes

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tion where she was entertained at an official luncheon. She entered the luncheon room on the arm of M. Paul Bonnet, who was then French Minister of Finance, and previously Ambassador in Washington.

It is presumed that Mrs. Roosevelt will be buried at St. James' Episcopal Church, Hyde Park village, where the President's father is interred. Mrs. Roosevelt was very active, attending many charitable functions and state occasions but it is known that the President, when he went to Hyde Park for the week-end, wanted his mother to have a "check up" by her doctor.

**Broadcast Postponed**  
NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—According to the Columbia Broadcasting System the broadcast is postponed to Thursday.

## NO AIR MASTERY FOR NAZIS

FROM PAGE ONE

destroyed over the approaches to Leningrad as well as hundreds of tanks and thousands of men. This was announced by M. Kuznetsov, a member of the War Council at a mass meeting yesterday and broadcast from Leningrad.

## Nazis On Defensive

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that the Russians in Odessa do not lack air support. "For although Odessa's seven aerodromes only serve for supplies and cannot be used as air force bases, military planes come and go from the Crimea without pause and challenge the Germans' command of the air."

## U-Boat Captured

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The following is the text of a communiqué issued by the Soviet Information Bureau:

"During September 7, stubborn fighting continued against the enemy along the entire front.

"Our air force dealt massive blows against the enemy troops and attacked his air force on his aerodromes. Twenty-three German planes were destroyed on September 5—in air combats and on enemy aerodromes. We lost 11 planes.

"A German submarine No. 73, was captured in the Sea of Barents."

## Unabated Battle For Leningrad

FROM PAGE ONE

have only begun for the boundaries are a network of rivers and canals. The southern sector alone is threatened by five canals while the 400-yard wide River Neva protects this quarter from the east.

With the Russians determined to fight from waterway to waterway and house to house and with the winter coming soon, it is easy to imagine the formidable task and huge toll of human lives awaiting the Nazis before their communications will be able to claim that they have taken Leningrad, "according to plan."

## Nazi Nonsense

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—It was stated here to-day that the Germans are nowhere near the southern approaches to Leningrad, still less the eastern approaches. Without the capture of these, it is pointed out, it is nonsense to talk of the city being isolated even though some railways may be put out of action for a short time.

## Air Attacks Fail

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (UP).—Despite their air attacks, the Germans have not succeeded in wrecking the railway bridges on the approaches to Leningrad according to a special correspondent at the front. He said that crews are standing by on the river bank repairing the slight damage and enabling the maintenance of communications.

He described the attack of yesterday when 40 German dive-bombers attacked an unidentified bridge, causing small damage which was immediately repaired, while the village behind it was in flames.

He said that in the same sector, Colonel Donskov is retaining the initiative by counterattacks which are forcing back the Germans. Fifty German parachutists landed in the rear of his unit. All were rounded up and killed.

the front. Armed people merge with the Red army and the Baltic fleet. Thousands of workers in the immediate vicinity of the front are building fortifications around Leningrad.

## Envoys From Canberra

To Britain And China  
SYDNEY, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Sir Earle Page, who is shortly going to London to represent the Australian Government, issued a statement to-day regarding his mission.

He said: "My function will be to establish personal Cabinet liaison between the two governments. I am still directly responsible to the Australian Parliament and people."

"The primary purpose of my mission will be the presentation of the Australian viewpoint in certain major problems and immediate strategy."

"The second purpose will be to arrange the best plan for maintaining the system of direct Cabinet representation in London."

## Sir F. Eggleston

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## Dollar-A-Year Men Get Paid

Cheque For 2 Cents

WASHINGTON, July 16.—To-day was pay day for 262 dollar-a-year men in the defence programme, but only 13 of them had worked a full year and were entitled to a whole dollar. The rest got paid, on a pro rata basis, from 2 cents up.

The cheques covered the fiscal year which ended June 30, and the Treasury computed them at the rate of 8 1/2 cents a month for the time each executive was on the pay roll. The total of all the payments was only \$120.

Many Office of Production Management executives received their annual compensation without ceremony, but John D. Blum, Production Director, and E. R. Stettinius, Jr., Priorities Director, arranged for public distribution of checks to all recipients in their sections.

## No Pay For Chiefs

Neither William S. Knudsen, OPM Director, nor Sidney Hillman, Associate Director, received a check. They hold office under a 1917 law which provides that they serve without compensation. That exempts them from an old law forbidding the Government to accept the free services of any individual.

The smallest cheque for 2 cents went to Randolph Paul of the Office of Price Administration. Government officials guessed that most of the checks would be framed and never cashed.

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# NAZIS ON DEFENSIVE IN FACE OF SOVIET COUNTER-ATTACKS

## Gomel and Kexholm Scene of Latest Thrusts

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, SEPT. 7 (UP).—THE RED ARMY ORGAN, "RED STAR" TO-DAY REPORTED FURTHER SUCCESSFUL SOVIET COUNTER-ATTACKS IN THE KEXHOLM AND GOMEL DIRECTIONS. IN THE GOMEL SECTOR, AN INFANTRY DIVISION MADE AN OFFENSIVE ATTACK AGAINST THE LEFT FLANK OF THE GERMAN VANGUARD, SMASHED THEIR RESISTANCE AND RE-CAPTURED SEVERAL VILLAGES. IN THE KEXHOLM DIRECTION, THE RUSSIANS ROUTED THE ENEMY WHICH IS REPORTED TO BE FLEEING IN PANIC THROUGH THE WOODS.

### A.R.P. INQUIRY RESUMES

## Contractor Says He was Asked To Present a Tender

Evidence that he was asked to apply for a tender form for the making of concrete blocks by a servant of Capt. Hobbs was given by Chung Yuk, Manager of Sang Tai and Co., building contractors, this morning at the resumed inquiry into certain matters connected with the Architectural Branch of the A.R.P. Department.

## U. S. TO GROW FOR BRITAIN

### Record Production Called For

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (UP).—The Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Claude Wickard, announces a record 1942 farm production programme calling for an all-time record production to "improve the nutrition of this country and meet the needs of those nations who still stand between this country and Hitler."

The Secretary asked for unlimited sugar production; slightly increased corn acreage; more soy beans and potatoes; nearly doubled peanut production; and he emphasised his request for increased production in hogs, eggs, evaporated milk, cheese and chickens, all of which are vitally needed by the British.

Wheat production would be reduced fifteen to twenty per cent. below this year's crop in view of the surplus, as well as the lack of export demand. The cotton acreage would be but little changed.

**Contracts For Farmers**  
"Every farmer in the United States will be contacted by the local farmer TURN to Back Page, Column 5"

## Russia Wants Aluminium

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (UP).—Authoritative defence quarters to-day stated that Soviet Russia has requested aluminium supplies from the United States to offset the losses caused by the destruction of the Dniepropetrovsk dam and the disruption of the Leningrad plant, which resulted in cutting approximately 66% of the annual capacity of 160,000,000 pounds.

The destruction of the dam wiped out the principle supply of 75,000,000 pounds while the Leningrad plant with a productive capacity of 30,000,000 pounds is also believed not to be operating. They were of the opinion that the Kamensk capacity of 50,000,000 pounds annually is operating fully.

Bauxite from the Tikhvin fields is also mined because it is now under control of the Finns.

The Red army also repulsed a German attempt to force a crossing of the Khrama River on the western front, blew up pontoon bridges and destroyed 35 planes on a neighbouring airport.

### SOVIETS USE PANZER UNITS

ZURICH, Sept. 7 (UP).—The newspaper "Zürcher Zeitung Berliner" reports that in various sectors it is understood that the Russians have started very heavy counter-attacks with strong forces and large reinforcements of panzer units including the heaviest types.

The heaviest attack appears to be on the central front by Marshal Timoshenko's army and also along the Dnieper where Marshal Budenny has released a very strong offensive against the German east bank bridgeheads at many points. The Russians even tried to cross the Dnieper, but Berlin claims that they were thrown back with losses.

## CEASELESS ACTIVITY BY R. A. F.

### Tripoli And Derna Attacked

CAIRO, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. communiqué says: "Libya.—Heavy bombers of the R.A.F. attacked shipping alongside the Spanish Quay at Tripoli on the night of September 6-6. A medium-sized merchantman was hit by bombs and many direct hits were obtained on the Quay."

"Other R.A.F. bombers raided a number of objectives in Cirenaica. At Derna, large fires broke out and in one of these an explosion took place followed by showers of sparks. A number of enemy aircraft on the ground are believed to have been destroyed."

"A motor transport camp south of Derna was also attacked and fires resulted from our bombing."

"At Martuba, bombs fell among dispersed aircraft and motor transports and the glow of the fires could be seen all over the target area."

"Other attacks were made on Bardia and the aerodrome of El Adem."

"On the night of September 6-7, enemy aircraft attempted to raid the Suez Canal area. Our night fighters shot down two raiders and damaged others."

"From all these operations one of our aircraft is missing."

## Greer Sequel Inflames U.S. Opinion

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—German charges against President Roosevelt over the Greer incident are treated as ludicrous here as no one believes that the Greer had any orders to do anything but defend herself.

Moreover, the destroyer was so plainly marked that no submarine commander with a periscope above the water could possibly have mistaken her for one transferred to Britain.

The incident, which appeared fairly innocuous at first, now threatens to develop into a serious diplomatic issue, and while no one still believes that it can lead America into war, it will intensify relations and similar incidents in future will unquestionably inflame opinion here.

Reports from Hyde Park that President Roosevelt is considering convoys as a result of the Greer incident are received here with intense interest but no further information on this head is available here.

## No Air Mastery For Nazis

### Russian Campaign Brings Big Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (UP).—General Grendal of the Red air force, analysing the Luftwaffe's losses in the German-Russian war in to-day's "Red Star," said that the Germans have not only failed to achieve mastery of the air, but are continuing to lose disproportionately compared to the Red air fleet's losses, while the quality of machines and men is steadily worsening.

Repeating the official Soviet figures of German losses in the first two months of the war of 7,200 planes, a third of which were Messerschmitt 111 and a considerable number of ME-109s, he claimed that the Soviet aviation "not only unyields to the Germans but in many respects excels them."

### Old-Type Machines

He said that the Luftwaffe's strength on the east front consists of four air fleets and one air corps headed by Generals Kesselring, Leer, Keller and Schumpf. They are using old types of bombers; Heinkel 111; Dornier 213 and diverse Junkers 88 and Messerschmitt 110 which are thoroughly modernised, as well as a new fighter, Heinkel 113.

### Effective Soviet Bombings

General Grendal stated that Russian air bombing has been most effective at airports. "The experience in this war has shown that the Luftwaffe does not operate on a mass scale but as individual groups, since the front lacks any large airports accommodating hundreds of planes."

"The majority of the airports contain several dozen planes, some upwards of 40 or 60 are located in sheltered corners as well as camouflaged areas, however, Soviet reconnaissance from the air and land have spotted these bases and inflicted crushing blows on them."

### Huge Losses

According to "Reuter," General Grendal gave the following figures of German losses:

"In the course of the war, our air force has destroyed over 2,000 Nazi TURN to Back Page, Column 3"

## LATEST

## Saturday's Raid Over Rhineland Described

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The full story of the Saturday night Rhineland raid is told by the Air Ministry. Though there was a moon and clear sky over Western Germany, the target was found only after skillful navigation.

The target was the chemical works at Huls, just north of the Ruhr, an important plant for the manufacture of buna or synthetic rubber with which Germany planned to make the army and air force independent of the blockade.

One Whitley pilot circled and circled the whole area for an hour and half before the navigator was certain that the right place was located. Then he saw his bombs explode among the buildings and several fires sprang up.

Other crews had similar experiences. Searchlights were everywhere, one pilot dived within a hundred feet of the ground to escape them, and anti-aircraft fire was intense.

### Rattling Shrapnel

One Canadian on his return described the shrapnel fragments rattling against his bomber as like a "dizzy dancer rattling bones."

Many Nazi night fighters were seen. A Messerschmitt 100 attacked a Wellington from astern, then passed underneath. The Wellington front gunner opened fire but the Nazi returned for another attack. Then both the front and rear gunners fired. There was no answer from the Messerschmitt which dived straight down. "Damaged, probably destroyed," as the crew said in their report.

The plant was subjected to a heavy bombardment, often only from a few thousand feet, and many crews reported hits on the end centre of the target and among storage tanks. Fires started emitting dense clouds of smoke.

## Mrs Sara Delano Roosevelt



## President Roosevelt's Aged Mother Passes

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt's mother Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt is dead.

The President and his wife spent Saturday night at his mother's bedside and they were with her when she died at 11.15 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Mrs. Roosevelt had been unconscious for 12 hours following what the family physician, Dr. Scott Smith, called "acute circulatory collapse due principally to advanced age."

The first intimation of this development came on Friday night, but Mrs. Sara Roosevelt's condition did not become alarming until late on Saturday.

The funeral at Hyde Park on Tuesday will be private.

The old lady spent most of the summer at her cottage at Campo Bello Island, New Brunswick. She left there for Hyde Park on August 31.

### Met King And Queen

Mrs. Sara Roosevelt was the wife of James Roosevelt, fourth cousin of President Theodore Roosevelt. In 1938 she met the King and Queen during their stay at the Hyde Park residence of the President and his wife during the Royal tour of Canada and the United States.

Born in 1854 at Algonac, a few miles from Newburg, New York State, Mrs. Roosevelt spent her childhood in Hongkong where her father was in business. On her return to Algonac she married in 1880 James Roosevelt, who was a distant cousin. In December, 1900, when the present President was 18, his father died and from then on Mrs. Roosevelt's affection was centred on her son, whose meteoric career she followed step by step with great pride.

### Visit To Paris

In September, 1937, at the age of 83 Mrs. Roosevelt went to Paris at the invitation of the French Government. She visited the Paris Exhibition.

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## Mr Campbell In Serious Condition

Note Found By Police

It was revealed by the Police this morning that Mr. J. G. Campbell, attached to the Engineering Office of the Public Works Department, who was found suffering from the effects of poison at his residence yesterday evening, left a note, the contents of which the Police cannot reveal.

Mr Campbell, whose condition was stated this morning to be very serious, is in the Kowloon Hospital. He lives at 149 Waterloo Road and was discovered in his room, unconscious by his houseboy yesterday evening. Mr Campbell had left instructions for tea to be brought to his room at 6 o'clock.

Mr Campbell has a wife and family in Australia.

## Gang Attack On Chinese Newspaper

Incident In City

A determined effort to obstruct the normal sale of the "Hua Hsiang Pao," pro-Leftist Chinese evening newspaper, was made on Saturday afternoon, when papers were wrenched from the hands of vendors and torn up by a gang of hoodlums outside the newspaper's wholesale depot in Lee Yuen East.

The incident occurred shortly after 3 p.m., the normal publication time. As soon as vendors were issued with the papers, they were met by a number of "toughs" who forcibly took possession of the papers and tore them into shreds at the end of the street.

It is estimated that at least three-quarters of the day's issue were destroyed in this way and prevented from passing into readers' hands. Police assistance was summoned, whereupon the gang disappeared.

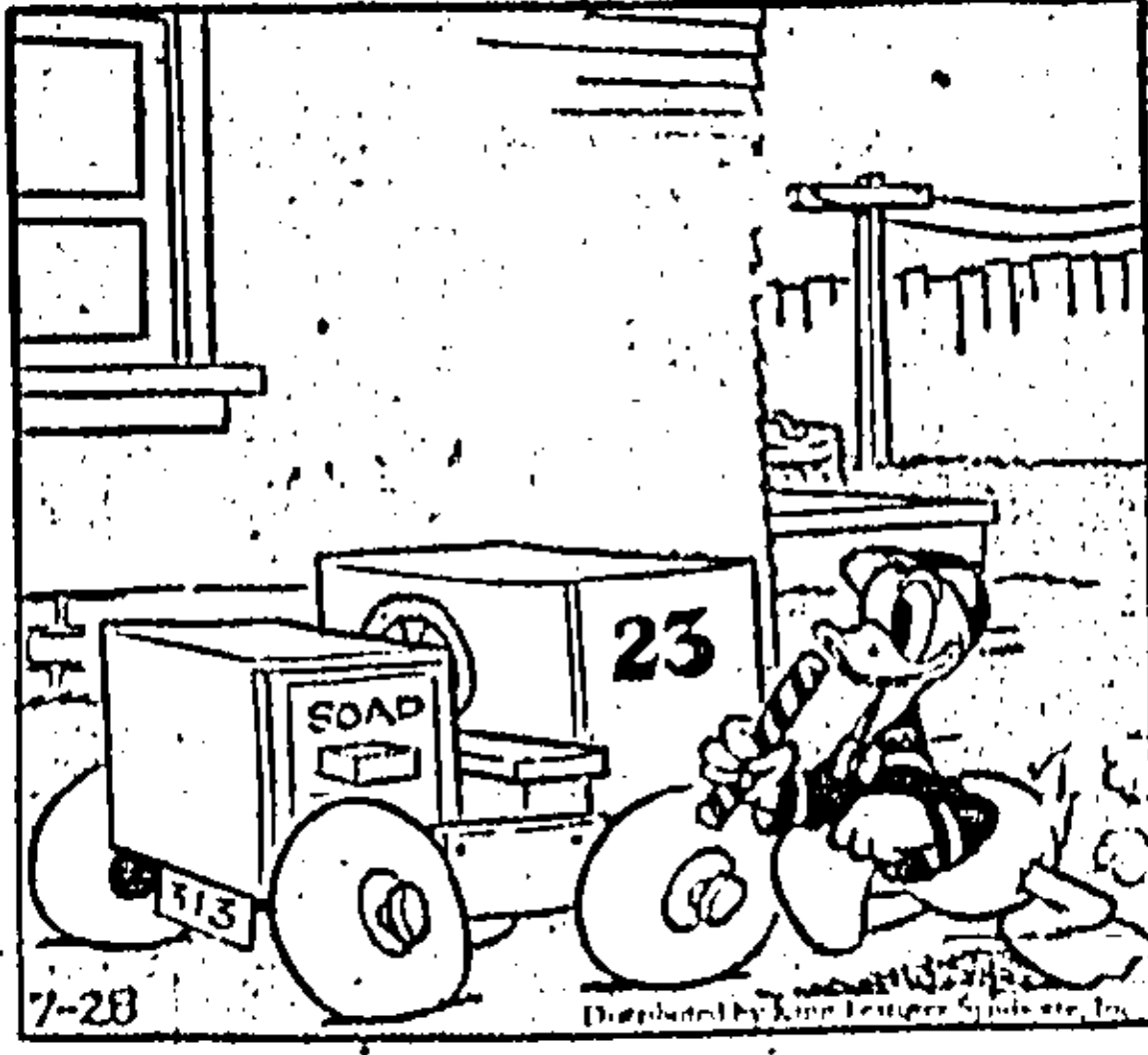
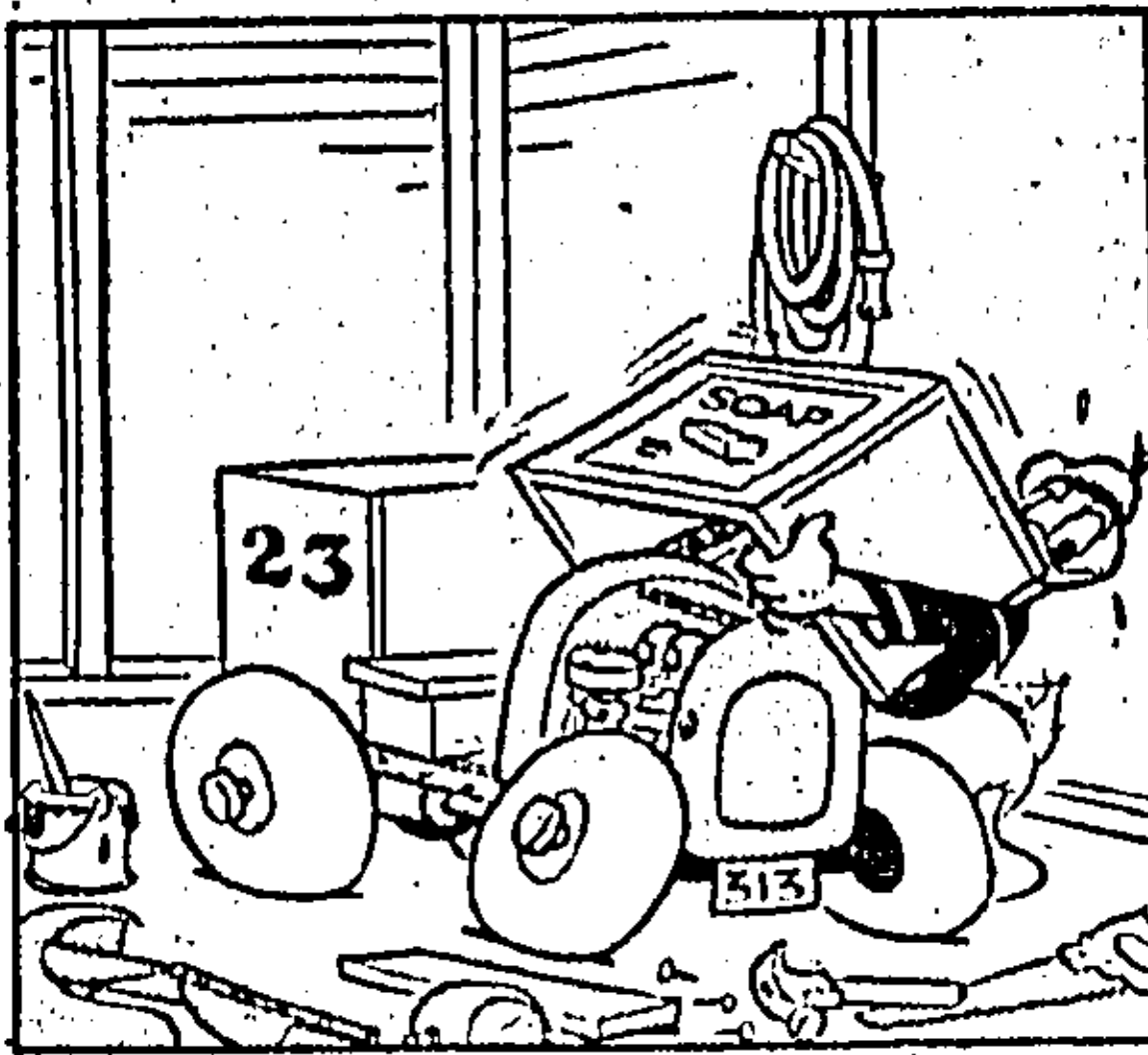
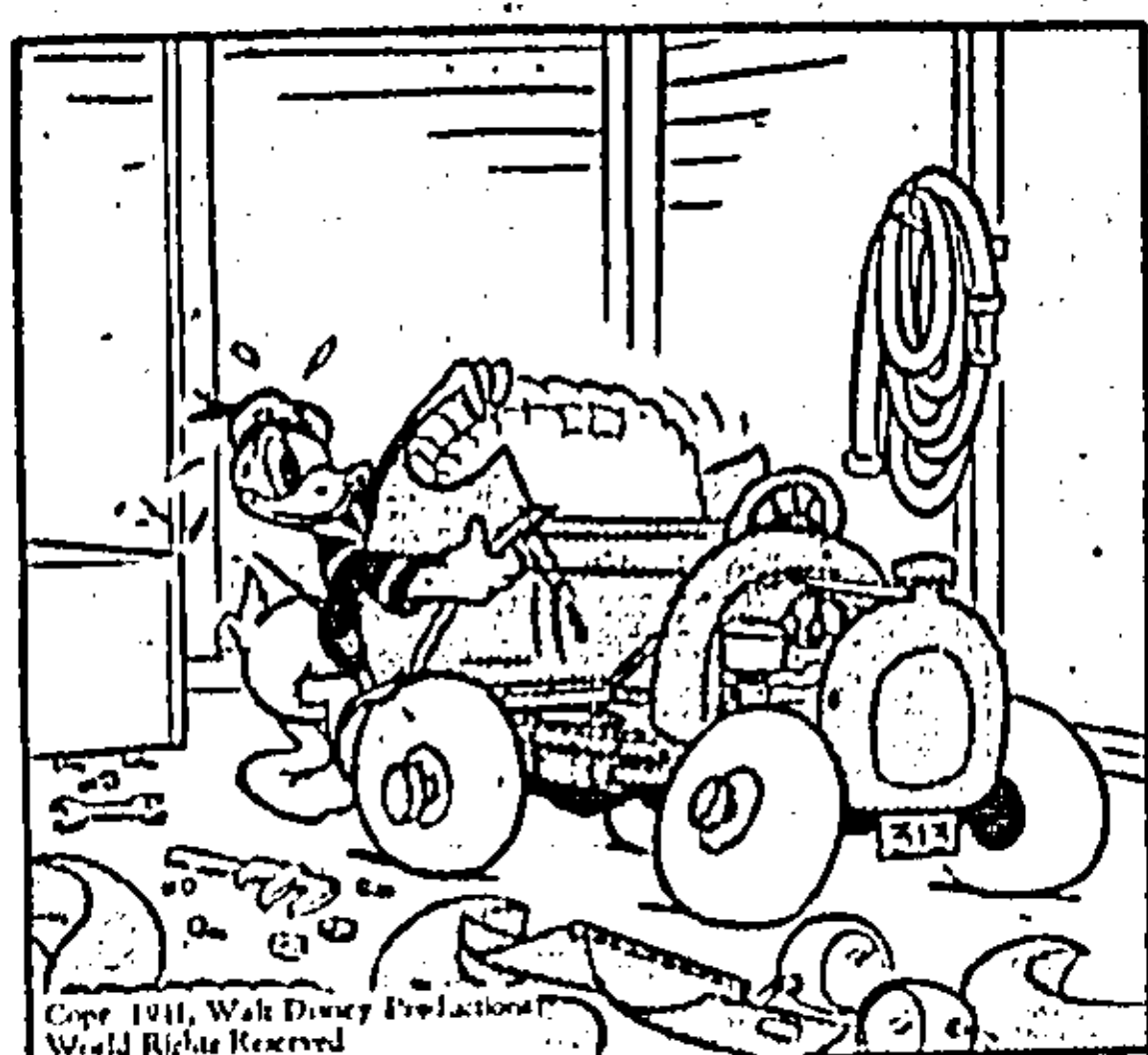
Yesterday's issue of the paper was not interfered with in any way.

## Funeral Of Mr Kring

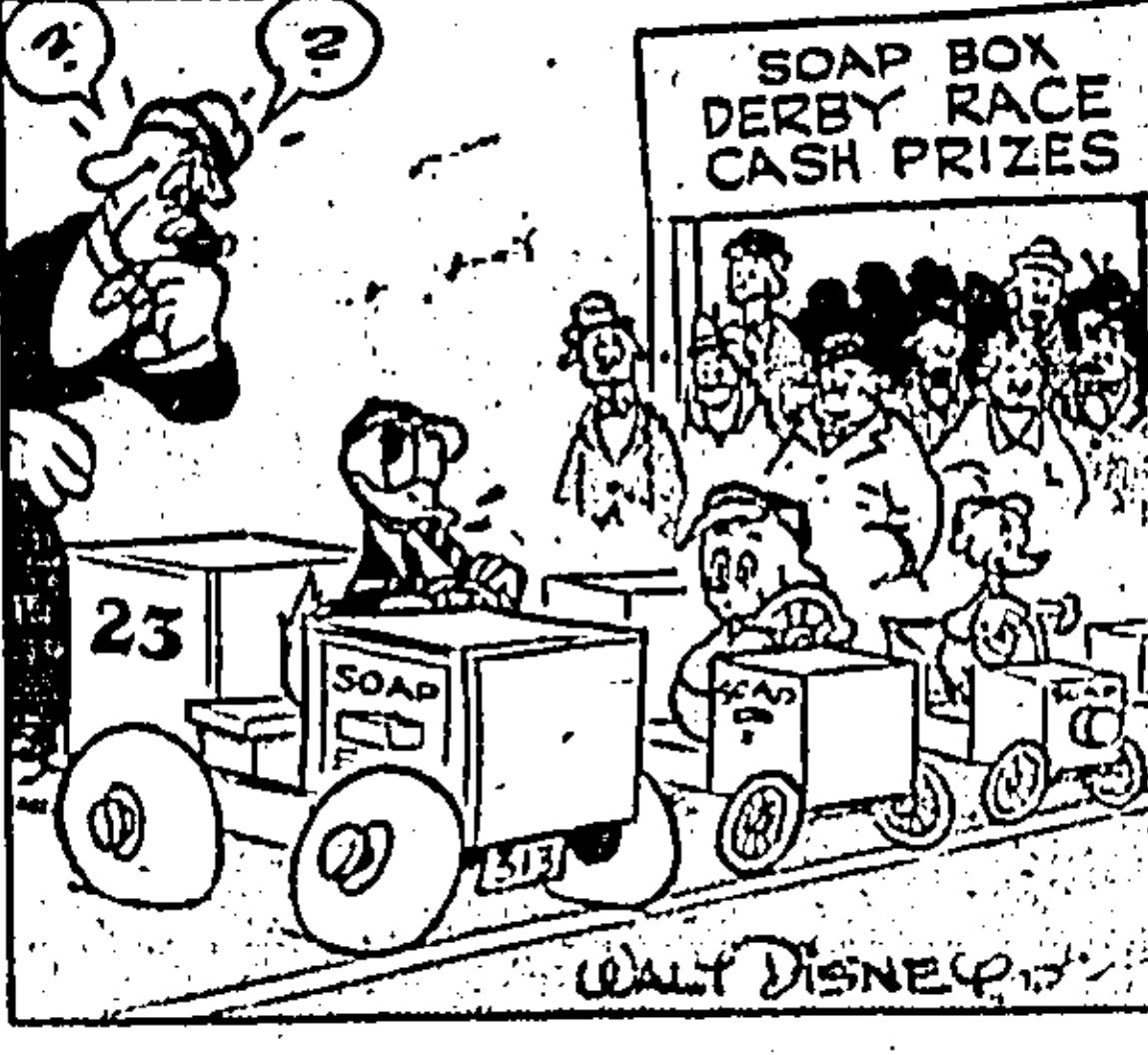
The funeral of the late Mr. N. J. Kring will take place at 5.30 this afternoon at the Protestant Cemetery.



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## Declaration By Brazil

## Defensive Alliance

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 7. (Reuter).—Addressing a huge audience on the occasion of the anniversary of Brazilian independence, President Vargas, referring to the policy of America as a whole, declared: "All aggression from whatever quarter will find us a united bloc made up of the greatest number of nationalities that has ever constituted a defensive alliance."

President Vargas, continuing, said that the 119th anniversary of Brazil's independence could still be celebrated without mourning, for the people and government of Brazil had been able, despite the present difficult situation, to avoid the perils of shocks threatened by forces that were deluging humanity in blood.

"We are a peaceful nation," he said; "Our principal aim is to keep away from the terrible contingencies of war. We are, however, unable to foresee how events will develop and what circumstances may be called to take part in or what efforts will be demanded of us."

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1.45 A. Moszkowski Programme comprising Yehudi Menuhin (violin) with piano; State Opera Orchestra; Eileen Joyce (piano); Richard Tauber (tenor) and the Blue Hungarian Band.

2.15 Close Down  
6.00 Indian Programme.  
6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
6.47 Half an hour of dance music.  
7.17 Variety Programme.  
8.00 London Relay—The News.  
8.15 London Relay—War Commentary.  
8.25 London Relay—"Listening Post".

8.30 Programme Summary.  
8.32 Dvorak Centenary Programme.

9.15 Local Time Signal. This Week's Programme.  
9.05 Puccini's "La Tosca" Act 2. Singers in order of appearance: Apollo Granforte (Baritone); Giovanni Azimonti (bass); Nelo Pahl (tenor); Pico Palmi (tenor) with orchestra of La Scala Milan.  
10.00 News in French (on short wave only).  
9.45 Negro Spirituals. Singers: Paul Robeson, Edna Thomas.  
10.00 London Relay—News and News Commentary.  
10.15 Chopin Sonata in B Flat Minor Op. 35—Percy Grainger (piano).  
10.35 The Light Symphony Orchestra and Nancy Evans (soprano).  
11.00 London News From Home.  
11.15 Close Down.

## Envoys From Canberra

To Britain And China  
SYDNEY, Sept. 7. (Reuter).—Sir Earle Page, who is shortly going to London to represent the Australian Government, issued a statement to-day regarding his mission.

He said: "My function will be to establish personal Cabinet liaison between the two governments. I am still directly responsible to the Australian Parliament and people."

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## Japanese Withdraw From Syria

BEIRUT, Sept. 7. (Reuter).—The Japanese Consulate-General here, which has jurisdiction over Syria, Lebanon and Palestine, will close on Monday owing to the existing circumstances.  
The Consul General, Mr. Saito, and the Vice-Consul are leaving Beirut. Other Japanese officials and civilians have already left for Japan.  
**Damascus Consultations**  
DAMASCUS, Sept. 7. (Reuter).—The Free French leader, General Georges Catroux, has proceeded to Aleppo for consultations with leading personalities concerning Syria's future.

## Issue Remains In Balance

(War Commentary by "Annalist")

LONDON, Sept. 7. (Reuter).—Throughout the week-end, the battle for Leningrad continued unabated. The issue remains in the balance: the Soviet communists are reticent, reporting only that fighting continues, while even the Germans merely fall back upon the accustomed formula that operations continue "according to plan."

Despite the huge effort the Germans are making, it seems that they have nothing concrete to report since their claim two days ago that Leningrad was under shell-fire.

Even if this claim is true, it is not particularly significant for it may be noted that Odessa, Tobruk and even Dover all along have been under German shell-fire, but are far from being in German hands.

Nevertheless it would be foolish to underestimate the seriousness of the German thrust at Leningrad and no doubt it is just because the Russians realise the strategic importance of that city they are now exerting such strenuous efforts to defend it.

## Dissection Of Strength

Should Leningrad fall at any time before the winter sets in, it might leave a section of the Nazi army free to sweep onwards towards Moscow and in addition would give them in the port of Leningrad a valuable supply base free from mud and snow though not from ice, for it should be noted that the Gulf of Finland is ice-covered throughout the winter months.

The defences which the Germans are now facing in Leningrad are formidable. Indeed the three concentric rings of fortifications around the city from which the city can be seriously threatened have been compared in strength with the best in the world. They may not be impregnable but they certainly will exact a disastrous toll of German lives if the Nazis decide to try to take the city by storm.

Even if the Germans reach the very outskirts of this city of 3,000,000 inhabitants, their problems will be very serious.

## COURAGE IN DESERT: OFFICER WINS THE M.C.

LONDON, Sept. 7. (British Wireless).—Coolness and tenacity in the face of "sudden terrific and blinding showers of bombs" during an operation in the Middle East contributed to the award of the M.C. to 2/Lieutenant Alan Young, of the Royal Garwhal Rifles, Indian Army, whose exploit is described by others in a War Office bulletin.

"This officer," it is stated, "was in command of two platoons of his Company which were ordered to attack by night an enemy position on a Bald Hill spur."

"The position was found to be much stronger than thought and was well wired in. Nevertheless, 2/Lieutenant Young crawled through the wire to reconnoitre and directed the platoons to follow quietly."

"The enemy sangar was located and dispositions were made to attack from two sides. The left platoon was heard, however, and a sudden terrific and blinding shower of bombs was hurled down on them, wounding all section commanders and causing some confusion."

"The platoon on the right was simultaneously attacked from further sangars which had remained unlocated and the Italians commenced to rush the survivors and a critical situation developed."

"Young, however, rose magnificently to the occasion, collected the jemadar and a few men of the right platoon and organised a counter charge. He himself shot two of the enemy with his revolver, the jemadar bayoneted two more and further casualties were caused by bombs and machine-guns when they came into action."

"In the face of this determination, the enemy ineffectually fled. The platoons by then had had 20 casualties and were on a very exposed slope, being fired on by machine-gun and rifle fire from Bald Hill and Alagi Knoll."

"In spite of this and although he himself was hit by small pieces of bombs, Young in compliance with orders to attract as much of the enemy attention as possible remained in the vicinity a further 45 minutes firing at various enemy machine-gun posts which were shooting down on him. He only withdrew when all wounded had been completely cleared and his task was completed in every detail. His skill, coolness, courage and determination were beyond all praise."

**Another Incident**  
Perilous operations at Halfaya Pass were also described in relation to the award of the M.C. to 2/Lieutenant

## Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. Manila	40 1/2
T.T. Batavia	40 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	148
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T.T. France	107
T.T. Switzerland	107
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4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/4
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U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
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## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

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H.K. Banks	1,450 n.
H.K. Banks (old)	1,480 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	1,480 n.
Chartered Banks	1,480 n.
Mercantile, & C. B.	1,480 n.
Mercantile C. B.	1,480 n.
East Asia	70 n.

## INSURANCES

Canton Ins.	230 b.
Union Ins.	432 1/2 n.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire Ins.	185 b.

## SHIPPING

Douglas S.	120 n.
Steamboats S.	10 n.
Indo-China S.	80 n.
Indo-China P.	80 n.
Shell (Bearers) S.	51,10 1/2 n.
Waterboats S.	0.65 n.

## DOCK &amp; EXO

Wharves S.	0.14 1/2 n.
Docks S.	17.60 n.
Providents S.	0.05 n.
Shal Dockyards S.	31 1/4 n.

## MINING

Kailan S.	13/6 n.
Rauha S.	7 1/4 n.
H.K. Mines	2 cts n.

## LANDS

Hotels S.	3.70 n.
Lands S.	36.90 n.
Lands 4% Debentures	0.74 1/2 n.
Shal Lands Sh.	21 1/4 n.
Humphreys S.	7.20 n.
H.K. Realties S.	3 1/2 n.
Chinese Estates S.	98 n.

## UTILITIES

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Peak Trams (old) S.	7 n.
Peak Trams (new) S.	3 1/4 n.
Star Ferries S.	51 1/4 n.
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Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) S.	6/3 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) S.	1/6 n.

## Private Stephens

Courage in face of certain point blank rifle and machine-gun fire gained the Military Medal for Private G. Stephens, Worcestershire Regiment.

On May 8, during an attack on an Amba Alagi position, this soldier with another was selected to go forward to remove a knife-rest blockading the road going through the enemy wire so that his platoon could advance. The knife-rest and approach of some 50 yards to it was in full view of an enemy position on a hill 300 yards away and was covered by his guns. Before he could reach the roadblock, a heavy fire from enemy machine-guns and snipers was opened on the road and on the block itself. In spite of this Stephens and his companion succeeded in getting forward and cutting the wire and freeing the roadblock.

A memorial service for the late Mr. Yih Churong, General Manager of the Farmers Bank of China, who passed away in America in July 19, was held at Canton Road, Chinese Club, by a group of prominent Chinese here yesterday.

## Texas Head Office To Be Transferred

The head office of the Texas Company (China) Limited in Shanghai will be shifted to Singapore sometime this month.

The transfer will involve only part of the staff of the Company which will continue to operate in Shanghai for the sale of petrol and oil.

The transfer was ordered by the main office of the company in New York owing to the slump in business in Shanghai. Mr. Lefevre, the general manager of the Company in Shanghai, will be general manager of the new head office.

## One Mad Man &amp; His Dog

## Hitler In The Woods

MADRID, Sept. 7. (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of "Efe" sends a graphic description of Hitler's headquarters about which silence up to now has been maintained.

The headquarters is no longer the train seen in newscasts. "The difficulties of railway communications have necessitated a change to a group of lorries which are transformed into a kind of automobile encampment," he says.

"Camp is always pitched near a mountain or wood so that Hitler can take the solitary walks he is accustomed to at Berchtesgaden. At present it is near a large wood where Hitler walks alone with a dog. A heavy guard of police is taken to keep the situation secret. Mail is sent by air to different aerodromes, then by car to the camp."

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7. No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.

8. Members of the Staff of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.

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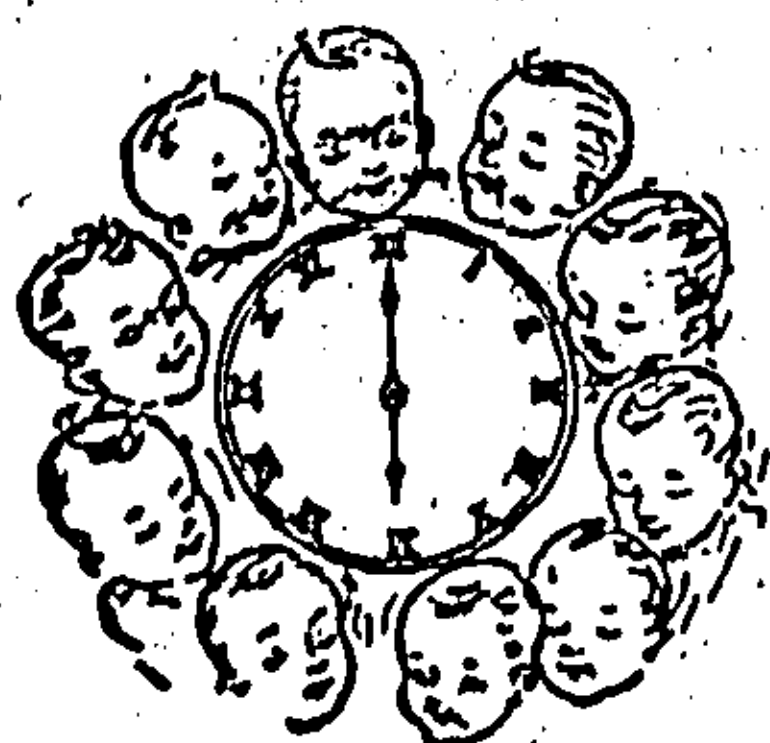


## A Page For The Evacuees

They will remain for the next few days while various operations are practiced.

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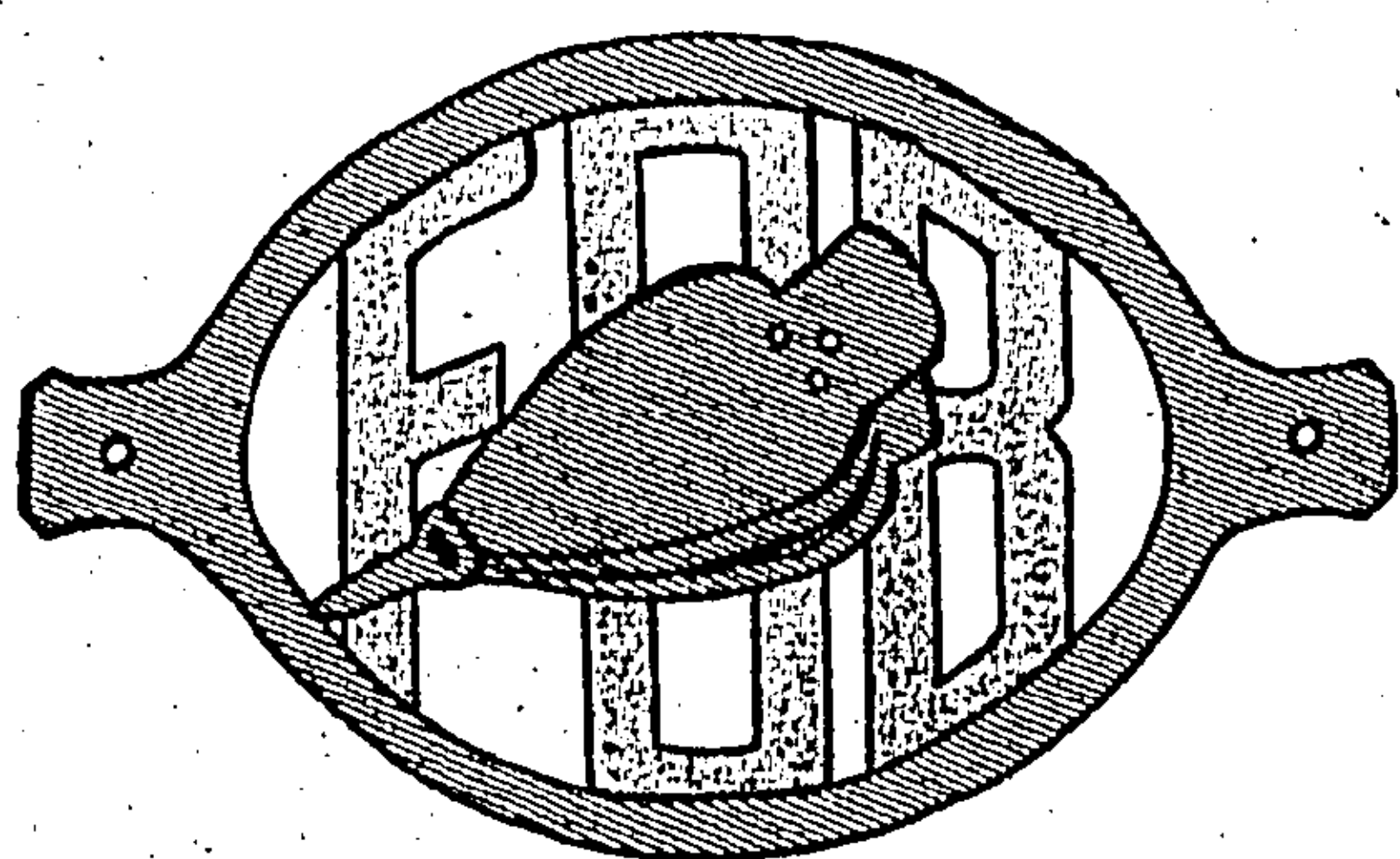
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### MOMENTOUS DAYS AHEAD

THE third year of World War II opens in an atmosphere promising momentous happenings and decisions, the impact of which will be felt by almost every country in the universe. It opens with the democracies stronger materially and spiritually than they were a year ago and the Axis proportionately weaker; for each part of the world something of special significance is happening.

For America, it is the Greer incident and the possible repercussions therefrom; will it hasten the entry of the United States into the conflict, or will it serve only to make more energetic and determined America's material efforts to aid Britain and Russia?

For Britain, the third year opens with more and more men being called away from private work to active soldiering, their places to be filled by women; does this presage the long-awaited invasion of the Continent?

For Japan the crucial topic of the day is the likely outcome of the present negotiations between her and the United States which were initiated by the personal note from Prince Konoye to President Roosevelt. If best informed observers are correct in their analysis, the results of these negotiations may determine the prolonged existence or sudden death of the Konoye Cabinet.

For China, the start of the third year of the European war brings renewed encouragement to continue her magnificent fight against Japanese aggression, knowing full well that more and more assistance is forthcoming from the democracies to this end.

Hongkong's interests are bound up with those of the mother country and the rest of the Empire. But this war anniversary brings also with it a domestic pre-occupation. A Governor has just departed and a new administrator is arriving this week; he comes at an acute moment and his task is going to be no sinecure. Happily he can depend upon the fullest measure of support and encouragement from the community which, despite its concern over local problems, which are having a big influence on

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"Well—I'll try something I learned at bargain sales!"

## SPOTLIGHT ON TOKYO TODAY

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## IS JAPAN NOW DESPERATE?

BY H. O. THOMPSON

Japan for a decade has followed a southward time-table which, while not so explosive and exact as the

Nazi type, has carried her through economic penetration and military adventure closer and closer to her two ultimate objectives, Singapore and the East Indies.

In the event of a war between Japan and the United States, the American Fleet would have to tackle Japan from the south. A straight-away dash across the Pacific from Hawaii to Japan proper would violate naval strategy. An attacking fleet, to get at Japan, would have to take the slow approach from the south to keep open lines of communication and to establish operating bases as the advance progressed.

A war against America is an ever-present fear of the Japanese of to-day. Japan's naval leaders believe they can cope with the American Navy because of the distances the Americans would have to travel before striking at Japan. With bases at Camranh Bay, Saigon, Spratley Islands and Hainan—all in the path of naval invasion from the south—the Japanese Navy believes it could stop even a Minister and one of Japan's top-combination of British and American forces.

Japan, then, is combining defensive manoeuvrings with her so-called southward policy. It seems unlikely that Japan has any immediate designs on either the East Indies or Singapore. Any move southward from Indo-China would be a desperate gamble. But it would be a gamble which the Japanese, with their sense of "face" and preference for death rather than dishonour, might take.

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## Young Huns Taught To Be Brutal

Long before the Nazis publicly clamoured for the return of their colonies, bewildered German parents were asked to give their sons an education that would make them into "good colonial administrators."

Quite a number of German fathers and mothers who accepted this advice were not less surprised to hear that their sons were being trained to be toughs to an extent that was not even expected from a real Stormtrooper.

This school for German colonial experts saw to it that its pupils should know all about the history of German colonial

activity. Yet no teacher told the boys that Hitler's historical idols, Frederick the Great and Bismarck, had pronounced strongly against overseas possessions.

Nor did they reveal that Germany, at its peak as a colonial power, had imported from the colonies less than two-thirds percent of its total imports and that, when Germany finally entered the race for colonies, it picked only those which had strategic value and menaced French or British overseas possessions or communications.

Guided by Hitler's old friend, General Epp, who had aided and abetted the Nazis in their early Munich days, a shadow colonial organisation sprang up to take over one day where Germany left off when the Great War began.

This organisation left little doubt that the Nazis would return to the old German methods.

Men like General Trotha, the German boss of West Africa, became the new heroes. He was the man responsible for the Herero Massacre.

Only 15,000 remained of 85,000 of these unfortunate people after the Germans had finished with them. "Make no prisoners," said Trotha. "Kill every one."

Now General von Epp, who has tried to revive this old spirit in young Nazis, to teach them new cruelties to exceed those employed against the Jews, comes out of the shadow as Nazi Germany's first Minister for Colonies.

He does not think merely of Germany's old colonies which Hitler once hoped to reconquer. The new Nazi Minister aims higher and farther: the whole of Africa, British, French, Belgian, South African possessions; in short, everything is to be Nazified.

Administrators are ready for every job, Colonial police and troops have undergone special training. The Gestapo will, according to Epp's plans, operate in the jungles, whence they derive their conception of law and order, anyway!—From John Bull.

## CONTRACT BRIDGE

—By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON—

Unorthodox but Brilliant

THE Culbertson table of leads is a general guide that will be effective in the great majority of cases. As proof, however, that no table or rule can be devised that will do a player's thinking for him, I commend the following deal to my readers' attention:

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. Match-point duplicate.

Q J 5 4  
A K 7  
10 9 6  
8 5 2

A 7  
Q 6 2  
Q 6 4  
K J 10 9

N  
W  
E  
S

K 10 8  
Q 8 5  
A K 7  
A 6 4 3

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass  
3 NT Pass 4 NT Pass

In a twelve table duplicate game, every North-South pair reached the identical three notrump contract, and probably by the same bidding sequence. Unbelievable as it may seem, eleven declarers brought home their contracts without having been called on for so much as a finesse. The twelfth was "fired to the queen's taste" by the opening lead.

At eleven tables, West chose the normal orthodox lead of the club. East had to cover with the singleton queen, and in every case declarer ducked. Unable to return a club, East had to shift and it was the simplest possible matter for declarer to set his spades established before West could run the club suit. The unfortunate twelfth declarer saw a different card led originally.

At his table West firmly laid down the club king. Note the diabolical effect of that lead.

East's queen fitted neatly underneath the king and now, whether or not declarer held up the ace, he was "sunk." West was in a position to establish his club suit before losing his spade ace, and there was nothing declarer could do but accept defeat as graciously as possible.

Now let us see whether the lead was well calculated or merely lucky. What did West have to lose by selecting the club king instead of any other club? If South had the club queen in addition to the ace, the lead of the king would neither lose nor gain. The same applied to the holding of the guarded queen by either dummy or East. If the queen were blank in either dummy or East's hand, however, the king lead was vital. The only danger of leading the king was to find East with the ace, and declarer with the queen. In that case, the king lead would lose the chance to trap the queen. But surely this was an unlikely contingency; considering the bidding, it was at least four to one that either declarer or dummy held the club ace.

To-morrow's Hand

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

7 4 3  
Q 6  
Q 7 4 3 2  
8 5 4

Q 5 3 2  
Q K Q 3  
10  
Q 6

N  
W  
E  
S

A Q 7  
A K 10 8  
Q 8 5  
A J 6 2

How should this hand be bid?



## Barelegged Women In St Peter's

BERNE, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—It is learned from the Vatican City that shortage of women's stockings in Italy has caused a minor revolution in Catholic traditions.

To-day the Vatican authorities permitted women to enter St Peter's without stockings.

The decision, which was based on the almost complete lack of stockings in Italy except for women able to pay exorbitant prices, will probably be applied to all Italian churches.

## Britons End Air Courses In America

Now Preparing For Advanced Training

LAKELAND, Fla., Aug. 16.—Two groups of Royal Air Force cadets, the first to complete primary flight training in this country, left to-day for Gunter Field, Montgomery, Ala., to receive basic training.

A group of fifty-three was graduated at the Middle Aeronautical School at Arcadia last night. A group of seventy-five was graduated at the Lakeland School of Aeronautics to-day. Both groups merged for the trip to Alabama.

At the Lakeland ceremony the diplomas were delivered by Governor Spessard L. Holland. Sharing in the graduation was Fred J. Elser of Astoria, L. I., whose training had been set back by a leg injury. At the request of the British cadets, Governor Holland handed the first diploma to the American.

**Fight For Right**  
Addressing the British cadets, Governor Holland, who won the Distinguished Service Medal as an aviator in France in the last war, said:

"We think of you as eagles going out to fight for the right. There are some fliers over war who are vultures instead of eagles. They are brutal representatives of totalitarianism who have no regard for the human decencies.

"We are drawn closer to you. I remember how happy I was to return home after over a year. I was a happy homecoming and I wish every one of you a happy homecoming."

Group Captain D. V. Carnegie, director of British air training in the United States, spoke at the ceremonies in Arcadia and here.

## St Leger Favourite Beaten By Head

MANCHESTER, Sept. 6 (Reuter).—A record crowd, including hundreds of Lancashire war workers snatching a brief respite from their labours, to-day saw Sun Castle win the St Leger, the last of the classic of the season, beating Chateau La Rose by a head in a thrilling finish.

Sun Castle is owned by Lord Portal, who has an important job in the Ministry of Supply. The owner of Chateau La Rose is Mr. Harry Morris, Shanghai business man.

Lord Glanely's Dancing Time, the only filly in the race, finished third, one length behind.

Devonian was clear of the field at the half-mile post, but Mazarin took the lead on entering the straight. Mazarin still held command two furlongs from home, then Chateau La Rose went to the front just below the distance but was immediately challenged by Sun Castle and Dancing Time in a great finish with Sun Castle just forging ahead.

Sun Castle covered the mile and six furlongs course in 3 mins 4 2/5 seconds. Mazarin had every chance when he took the lead on entering the straight but failed to stay the pace which was increased in the last furlong.

## Huts For Winter Campaign

ANKARA, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Finnish, Hungarian and Rumanian saw mills are busy producing thousands of standardised wooden huts which the Germans have ordered for use in Russia during the winter. The need for these huts is demonstrated in the film of the Russian war which the German Embassy recently showed to Turkish journalists who are amazed by the fact that they saw not a single hut standing throughout the film. The huts are being made without windows with an air space between the inner and the outer walls in order to keep out the intense cold.

## Call To Jews

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz is issuing a call to all Jewish communities throughout the British Empire to join in a "work of re-dedication" in a period culminating in a day of atonement.

The work will be inaugurated by broadcast addresses on September 21 and 22.

## Japanese Silence On Oil Tankers

SHANGHAI, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The arrival of two American tankers at Vladivostok with oil for Russia has not so far been reported in any Japanese newspaper as the result of action taken by Japanese censorship, according to foreign reports reaching Shanghai.



RUSSIANS GO TO WAR—This is one of the first pictures sent by radio from Moscow to New York, a distance of 4,750 miles, as a radiophoto transmission test. It shows a Soviet motor cycle squad moving up to the front.

## Gracie Fields Back In England And Hearts Of Her Countrymen

LONDON, July 16.—Gracie Fields, who six months ago was regarded critically hereabouts, is back in Britain and the hearts of her countrymen.

Gracie's songs have cheered soldiers of two wars, but she was criticised in the press and the House of Commons during the last year because she remained in North America.

## Patriotism And Football Being Made To Combine

An inquiry into the status of representatives of clubs affiliated to the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, via-a-via their relationships with the Chungking Government, will soon be conducted, as the result of a resolution passed at the monthly meeting of the Federation last week.

It was learned from Mr. Mok Hing, the President, yesterday that the matter was first brought up by a representative of the Hongkong and Kowloon Residents' Union, who proposed two rules.

One of which was to the effect that any club which is a member of the Federation should lose its membership status if its registration has either been cancelled or refused by the Chungking Government. The other rule was that any representative of a club affiliated to the Federation whose actions have been found contrary to the interests of the Chungking Government or who has been censured or disapproved by that Government should lose its representative status in the Federation.

These rules were passed on the first evening, but when they came for their second reading one member commented, in regard to the first one, that while he was entirely in favour of it, he would like to have the wording made clearer.

The views of this member, according to Mr. Mok, were that the majority of the 11 clubs who are members of the Federation were not registered with the Chungking Government. Besides, there was nothing in the rules to compel a club to register, and therefore it would be impossible to carry the proposed resolution, as it was worded, into effect.

**Heated Discussion**  
A heated discussion, said Mr. Mok, then followed during which it was suggested that the proposal be reworded into the minutes instead of being passed as a rule. The representative of the Residents' Union, however, insisted, said Mr. Mok, on his proposal being passed as it stood, and he was supported by 11 of the 30 representatives present, but the rules of the Federation required a two-thirds majority and therefore it was defeated.

Subsequently, the Residents' Union resigned from the Federation as a result of this disagreement. Mr. Mok emphasised that practically all the members were in favour of the idea behind the proposal and that the only disagreement was on the way in which it was worded.

The Federation later held another meeting at which it was agreed to amend the wording of the proposal to read in effect that any club found acting contrary to the interests of the Chungking Government or which has been declared by the Government to be so doing or whose registration has either been cancelled or refused by the Government, should lose its membership status in the Federation. This proposal was passed.

## Inquiry

In regard to the second proposal of the Residents' Union, which was also adopted, Mr. Mok said that a representative of the Eastern Athletic Association suggested that an inquiry be held into the status of each representative in the Federation, via-a-via their relationships with the Chungking Government. This suggestion was approved and the Federation has appointed a special committee, comprising one member from each affiliated club, to conduct the inquiry.

It was learned that the Federation has on its membership list 11 clubs, each of which is entitled to have five representatives on the council.

## Mackenzie King In Canada

OTTAWA, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Minister, arrived in Montreal from London to-day.

When he alighted from a transport plane of the R.A.F. Ferry Command, he was greeted by Mr. E. Lapointe, Minister of Justice, and Mr. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions.

## Belgian Children Spend Summer In Swiss Mountains

BRUSSELS—Hundreds of Belgian boys and girls have been travelling from Brussels to Switzerland to enjoy three months in the Swiss mountains at the expense of Swiss families.

This charitable project has been carried out by the Swiss Organisation for Helping Child Victims of the War. The intention is to give the young guests good plain wholesome food and an outdoor life under the most attractive conditions. Children selected are mainly those of soldiers who have been killed, wounded, or taken prisoner in the war.

Arrangements were made with the young Dutch people of the town of Breda, who had taken temporary refuge in Belgium during the German invasion and had received liberal food and shelter at Antwerp, showed their gratitude by offering to receive several hundred poor children from Antwerp and entertain them during the months of June, July and August.

Arrangements were made with the Department of the Interior at The Hague to increase the rations for those families which had young Belgian guests staying with them.

**Daylight Operations**  
LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Three British fighters were lost in to-day's daylight operations, the Air Ministry announced.

## U.S. Gasoline Goes To Dakar

For Civilian Use

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Mr. Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, disclosed to-day that, under a special arrangement, a French tanker had landed 2,000 tons of American gasoline at Dakar, French West Africa.

The gasoline is for civilian use, was landed with the full approval of the British, and its distribution will be supervised by an American control officer.

Mr. Welles emphasized that the arrangement was for the shipment only, and that the agreement between the United States and France for resumption of trade with French North Africa had not been extended to include Dakar.

The tanker was the Scheherazade which was seized by the British in May and held at Bermuda until the new agreement covering shipments to Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia had been worked out.

## Summary Of Week's Air Warfare

Europe & Mid. East

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—R.A.F. losses in the European zone last week showed a considerable drop compared with several previous weeks although their western offensive continued unabated.

Losses in Western Europe and the Middle East last week were 38 Axis and 40 R.A.F. Twenty-eight R.A.F. bombers failed to return from raids over Germany and occupied territory and attacks on shipping.

R.A.F. fighters destroyed 14 Messerschmitts for the loss of 11.

In the Middle East, 22 Axis bombers and fighters were destroyed for the loss of seven R.A.F. machines.

On several sweeps, fighter pilots reported that Messerschmitts refused to fight and it appears that the Luftwaffe chief is trying to conserve pilots.

## Enemy Escort Ship Blows Up

Supply Vessel On Fire

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—An escort vessel was blown up and a supply ship was set on fire off the Dutch coast to-day, according to an Air Ministry communique.

The communique states: "Blenheim aircraft of the Bomber Command, escorted by fighters, attacked an enemy supply ship, and an escort vessel off the Dutch coast early this afternoon. The escort vessel was hit and blew up and the supply ship was set on fire.

"An enemy fighter was destroyed by our escorting fighters. Our fighters also carried out several offensive sweeps over Northern France in the course of which they destroyed a second enemy fighter.

"In these operations we lost two Blenheims and two fighters."

**Fires Across Channel**

LONDON, Sept. 8 (Reuter).—Flames from a chain of fires reddened the sky above Boulogne last night and watchers on the Kent coast believe that R.A.F. bombers gave the invasion ports a 90-minute bombing in brilliant moonlight.

Thousands of people from Ramsgate to Dungeness had a grandstand view of the attack, for visibility was exceptionally clear.

Searchlights tried to pick out the R.A.F. raiders and batteries of anti-aircraft guns flashed into action all the way from Boulogne to Cap Gris Nez.

At 11.30 p.m. after the last of the raiders had re-crossed the Channel, big fires were burning more fiercely than ever.

**Daylight Operations**  
LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Three British fighters were lost in to-day's daylight operations, the Air Ministry announced.

## Nazi-Turkish Trade Talks

Delegation To Ankara

ISTANBUL, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Dr. Ciodius the German trade negotiator, has now arrived here by air at the head of a large delegation including nine economic experts. They are proceeding to-morrow to Ankara where talks will take place. The Turkish delegation will be headed by Mr. Kishmir, Counsellor of the Ministry of Commerce.

It is believed that the new agreement envisages transactions valued at about £20,000,000 based on the barter system. In view of defects in the means of transport and the difficulties of communications by land and sea it is considered that the Germans will be unable to derive all the advantages hoped for from the agreement.

**Chrome Surplus**

ANKARA, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—It is learned in Turkish business circles that the Germans are likely to press for chrome which Germany does not need at present but wants to purchase in order to strike a diplomatic blow at Britain who according to an agreement which however, expires shortly unless renewed, was granted the right to purchase all Turkey's exportable surplus of chrome.

## MEN OF SCIENCE IN WORLD OF TO-MORROW

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Representatives of Britain and the Empire, the United States, Soviet Russia and China will meet at a three-day scientific conference in London on September 20-23 "to demonstrate the common purpose of men of science in ensuring a post-war order in which the maximum benefits of science can be secured for all people."

Mr. John Winant, M. Malicky, and Dr. Wellington Koo are the American, Russian and Chinese Ambassadors who will preside at some of the sessions.

Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France will also be represented, and exiled scientists from Germany and Austria will probably also be present.

## Ex-President Dead

HAYANA, Sept. 7 (UP).—The former President of Cuba, Senor Mario Garcia Menocal, 78, died here to-day.

## Nazis Said Building Sub Bases in Canary Islands

Joe Congress, on WBYN recently relayed an eye-witness report of Nazi war preparations on Spain's Canary Islands—where Nazi bases could be just as great a threat to U.S. security as Nazi bases on Iceland.

Mr. Congress quoted a person recently returned from the islands, which are just off the coast of Morocco.

"This eyewitness states," he said, "that Spanish troops, under German direction, are rushing construction of fortifications in the Canary Islands. These fortifications include placing of eight-inch gun batteries at strategic points along the coast lines of the islands and an elaborate system of trenches and breastworks. The work has been intensified since President Roosevelt's speech in which he referred to America's Atlantic outpost.

"The major construction is going on on the islands of Grand Canary and Tenerife. Large sections of the coast have been declared defense areas and the local population is forbidden to visit them. On Fuerteventura, what the authorities describe as a 'fish packing' factory is being rushed to completion."

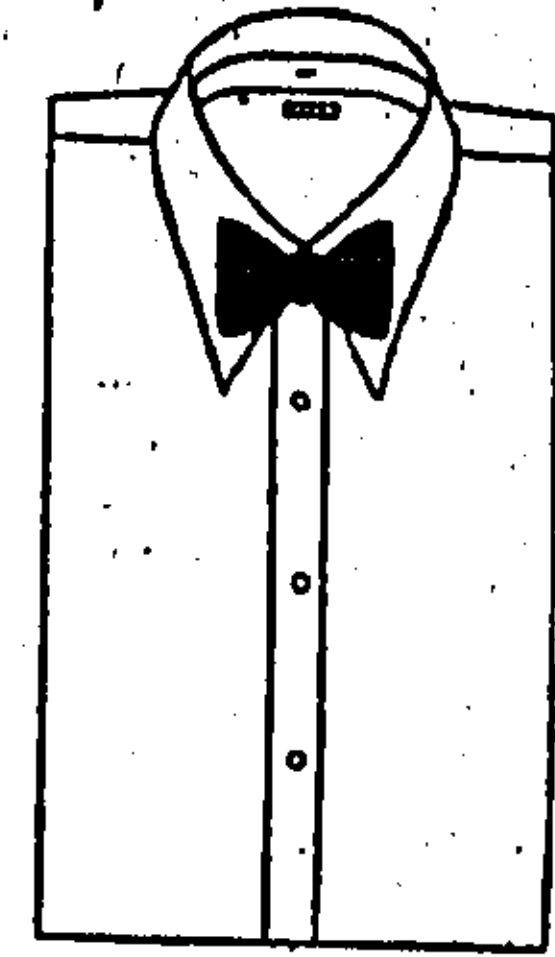
**Used As A Base**  
"This island is believed by the Spaniards in the Canary Islands to be used as a German and Italian submarine refueling base. Since entrance to the district where the construction is proceeding is barred to the public, the new building is believed to be installations for a major submarine base."

The Canary Islands, Mr. Congress continued, are virtually under German domination. Gestapo officials control the local police. More than 1,000 Germans are in Tenerife and Grand Canary. Most of them are officially members of the ground crew of Luftwaffe, but not operated a service to the islands in more than six months.

## Shipping Menaced

Mr. Congress said that the Spanish garrison numbered about 8,000, and that reinforcements were expected. The importance of this news, he pointed out, was that U-boats stationed on the Canary Islands would menace American shipping to the British Middle East—where American ships are now reported arriving at the rate of one a day.

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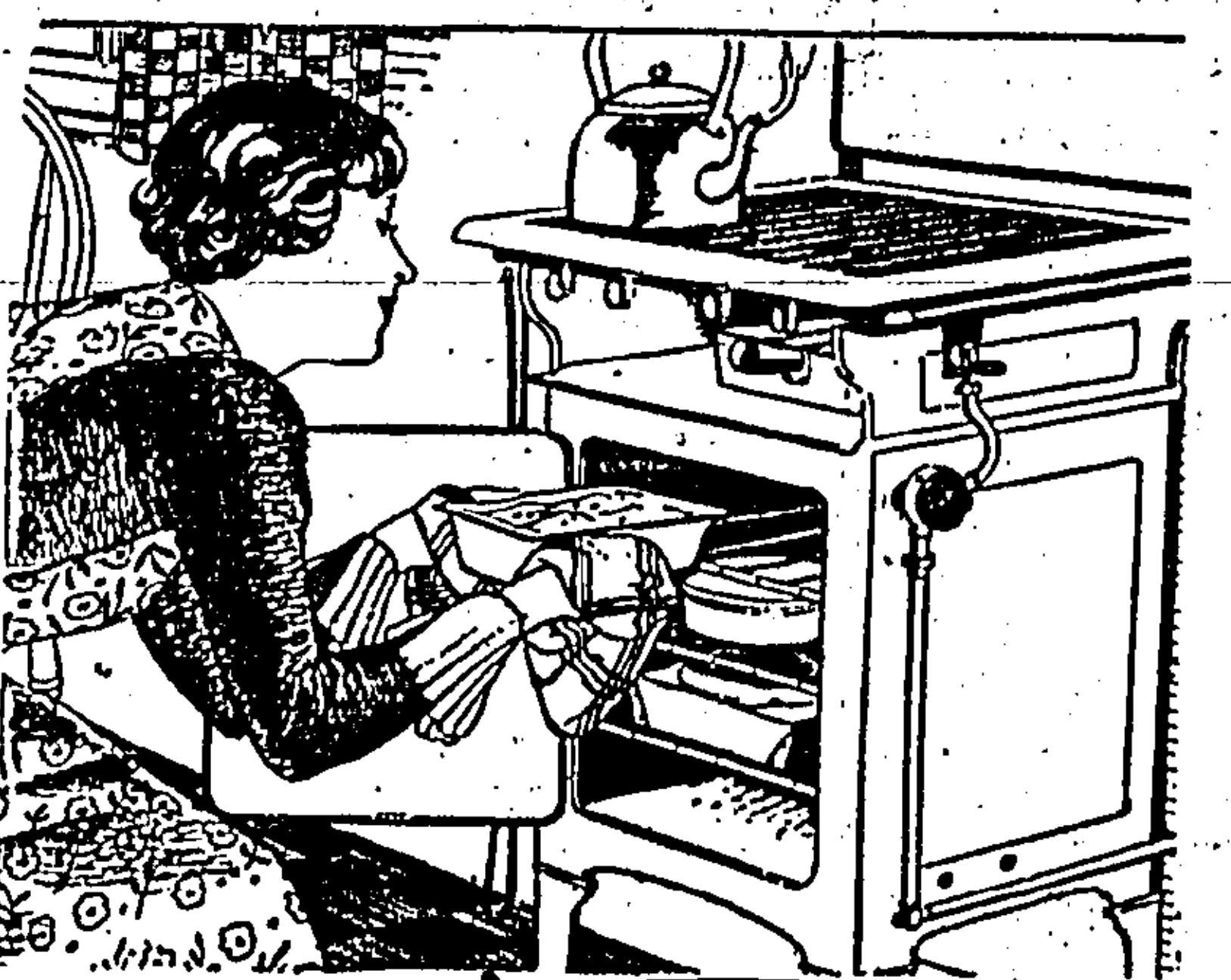
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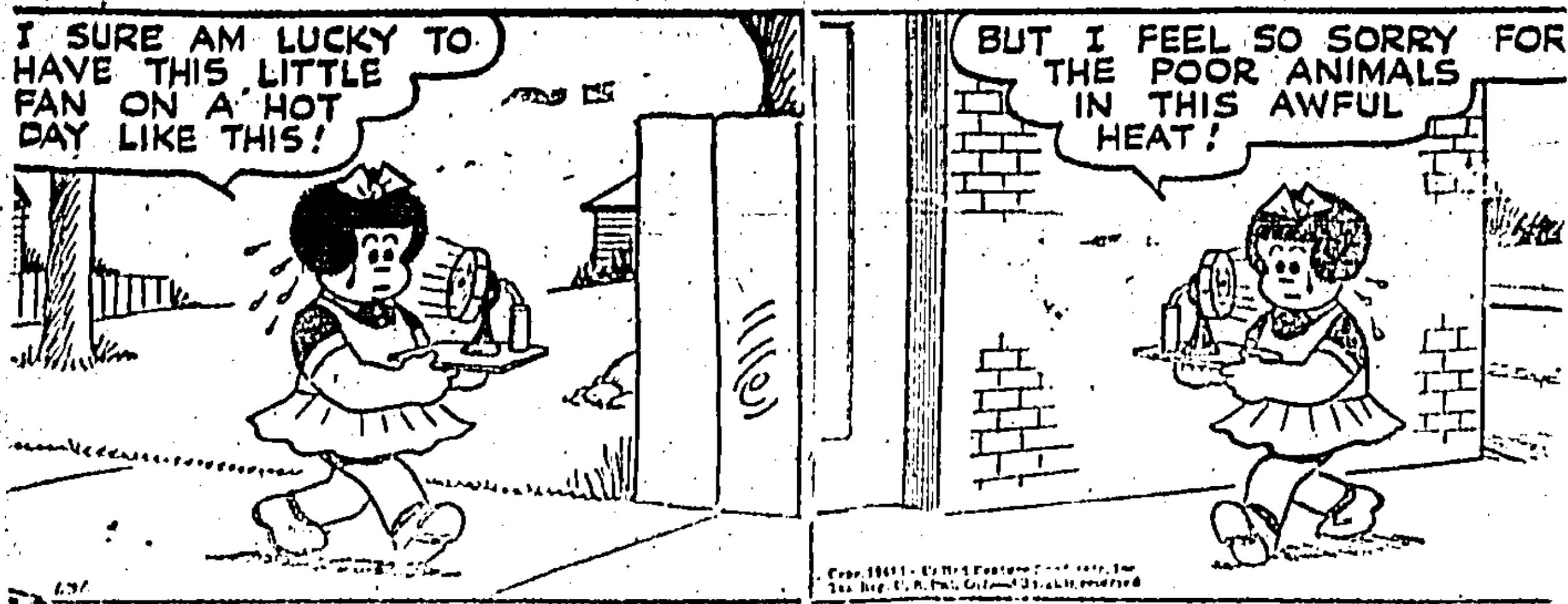
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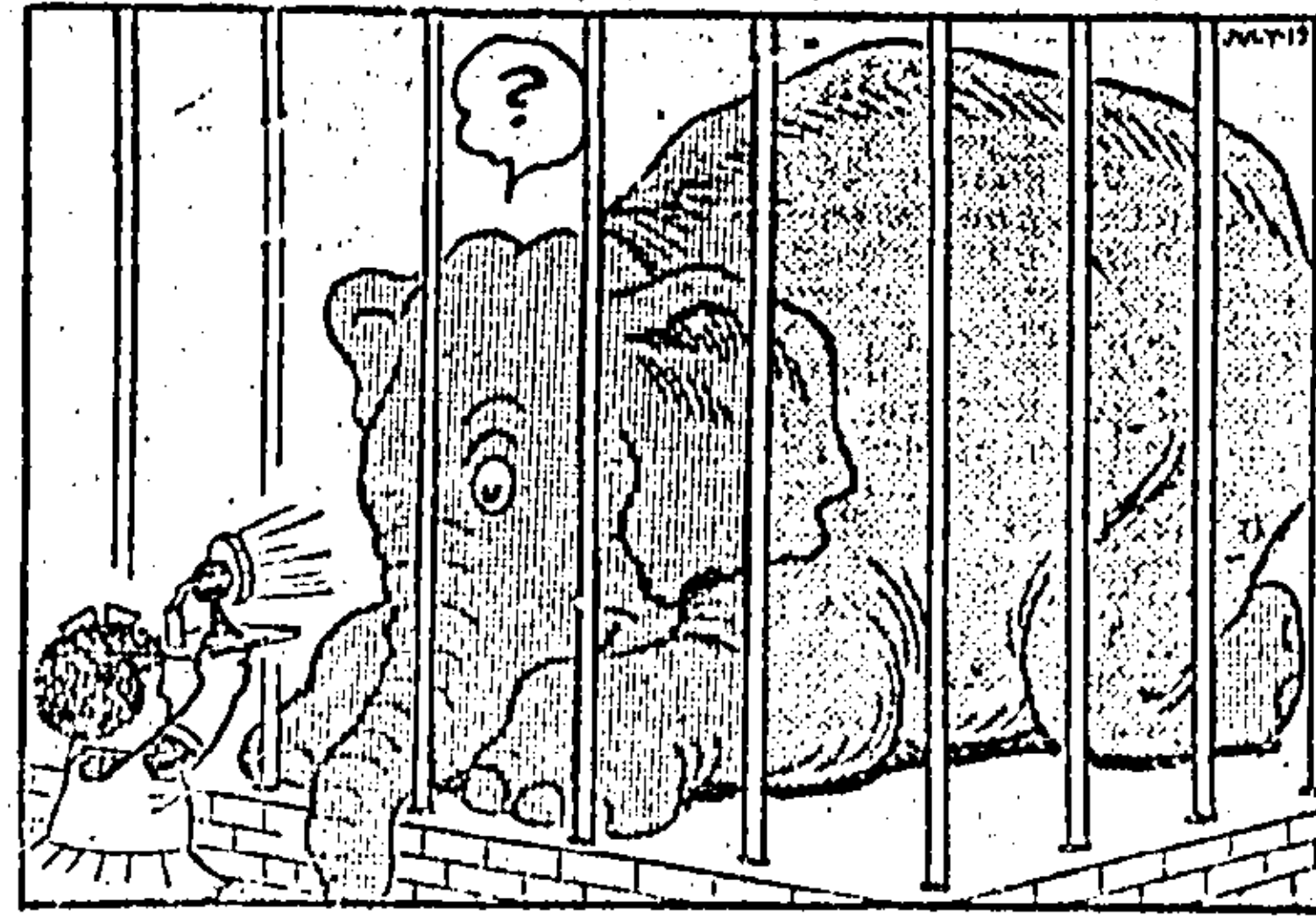
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## NANCY



## By Ernie Bushmiller



# Economic War Came As U.S. PUBLIC OPINION ON THE WAR

## A Shock To Japanese Can Readily Turn To Action

TOKYO, July 26.—Within a few hours after President Roosevelt's order freezing Japanese assets and credits in the United States was announced, the Japanese Government retaliated by freezing the assets and credits of American and Philippine nationals and corporations within the Japanese Empire. The government was in consultation with the Manchukuoan and Nanking regimes to extend the freezing operation in their territories as well, writes Otto D. Tolischus in the "New York Times."

Therewith, in the view of Japanese official quarters, business circles and the press, have begun an open economic war between the United States and the British Empire on the one hand and the Japanese Empire and the areas it controls on the other hand. It is expected to wither whatever international trade remains and in the words of the ultranationalist Nichi Nichi is but "one step from armed warfare."

It was obvious that not only to the uninformed Japanese public but even to otherwise well-informed business quarters the various developments of the day came as a profound shock.

In point of fact there were indications that President Roosevelt's swift action had surprised even the government, which, though it had taken some precautionary measures to meet the consequences of its move on French Indo-China, had been rather hopefully relying on former Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka's past assurances of America's passivity and on the influence of American isolationists. These latter have been commanding considerable attention in the Japanese press.

### No Further Aggravation

At the same time perhaps the most notable feature of the situation is that, except for some alarming newspaper statements, there is no desire in any Japanese quarters to aggravate the situation any further. Business circles even express the hope that the American decrees may leave some loopholes for a modicum of trade on a cash basis.

In respect to its advance into French Indo-China, the government, both in its official announcement and in a radio broadcast by Dr. Nobutomi Ito, president of the Information Board, who is sometimes referred to as the "Japanese Goebbels," has emphasized that Japan was acting in "self-defence" and in perfect agreement with the Vichy government.

The official announcement stressed France's consistent friendly cooperation.

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tion with Japan and the long-standing friendly relations between Japan and French Indo-China, antedating Japan's century-long self-isolation. It asserted, however, that new developments in Europe and East Asia were threatening the security of French Indo-China, which in self-defence neither Japan nor France could overlook.

### Negotiations Called Friendly

For that reason, the announcement continued, Japan opened up negotiations with Vichy, which, it said, progressed smoothly in a friendly atmosphere and led to the conclusion on July 21 of a joint defence agreement for Indo-China, the exact nature of which was not specified.

"Japan and France," the announcement says, "thus have been ushered into more intimate relations with each other, with French Indo-China serving as their connecting link. Needless to say, it will greatly contribute toward the stabilization of co-existence and co-prosperity in Greater East Asia."

"It scarcely needs reiteration that the Japanese Government intends strictly to observe the various existing agreements between Japan and France concerning French Indo-China and to respect the territorial integrity and sovereignty of French Indo-China, and Japan will put forth an increasing effort to promote friendly relations between Japan and France, thereby realizing the common prosperity of the two countries. In line with this announcement Dr. Ito repeated the constant complaint of all Japanese quarters, that "the United States Government fails to understand Japan's real intentions."

### No Direct Charges

Government quarters have been careful to refrain from any direct charges against either the United States or Britain. The press, however, asserts that French Indo-China was threatened with the fate of Syria because of British measures, and a large de Gaulle element in Saigon as well as concentrations of Chungking troops on the north.

In the view of some seasoned observers here the Japanese advance into French Indo-China might in fact be more a flanking move to cut off the last communications of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for the "last big push" advocated by Major Gen. Shunroku Hata, Japanese Commander in Chief in China, to "settle the China incident," which is still Japan's primary concern rather than another step in Japan's southward advance.

But the government radio suggested to-day that Britain might undertake the "military oppression" of Thailand as a counter measure to the Japanese step. This suggestion holds ominous possibilities.

### Effects of Order

As regards the American and British freezing order, it is generally admitted here that it is bound to have a crippling effect on Japan's trade, not only with the United States and the British Empire but also with South America. It will necessitate a drastic readjustment and more cash payments, even within the "Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere," where balances still have been settled in New York dollars. But Finance Minister Matsuoka Ogura, in a reassuring statement to the press, declared that Japan's American balances were small and that American-Japanese trade had been diminishing so the effect of President Roosevelt's measure would be "comparatively slight."

The press, quoting financial quarters, insisted, in fact, that the United States was bound to lose more than Japan because American assets in Japan were large—although most of them are already frozen through foreign exchange control. Moreover, Japanese financial quarters assert that Japan has already fortified herself against such a blow by various measures such as foreign exchange control laws, concentration of dollar and pound exchange in the Yokohama Specie Bank and the forward exchange contract system.

### Hope for Exceptions

Nevertheless commercial circles are anxiously awaiting details of the American and British orders in the hope that exceptions might be permitted. At least, it is pointed out, the Anglo-Japanese commerce and navigation treaty remains effective for one year and the trade treaties with India and Burma for six months.

At the same time, both official quarters and the press emphatically assert that President Roosevelt's step can never affect Japan's policies, which remain "unchangeable, immovable and immutable." In fact, they declare, such steps can only strengthen Japan's determination to create an East Asiatic self-sufficiency sphere.

The Japanese freezing order provides in addition to the previous foreign exchange control regulations that foreign nationals affected by the new order as well as persons dealing with them, must obtain the approval of the Finance Ministry for virtually all transactions, including the acquisition and disposal of movable and immovable property, real rights, credits, loan, deposit and trust fund securities, effect of credits and debts, guarantee and acceptance of debts, consumer loans and deposits, and Japanese currency exceeding 500 yen monthly. Payments of taxes and salaries of Japanese employers are exempted.

### AIR LETTER CARD

Mr. Allan Chapman, Assistant Postmaster General, in reply to a question, told the House of Commons recently that the P.M.G. would shortly issue a light weight air letter card for use in writing to British prisoners of war. By this means it would be possible to reduce the air mail fee.

# U.S. PUBLIC OPINION ON THE WAR

## Can Readily Turn To Action

"United Press" Correspondent Virgil Pinkley, who has just completed a tour of 38 states in the United States, travelling 52,000 miles in four months, hereby reports on his observations regarding American public opinion with reference to the war.

By VIRGIL PINKLEY

NEW YORK, Aug. 31 (UP).—United States public opinion about the war has undergone great changes during the past 15 months.

A momentous national debate continues about the policies which should be adopted to prepare for whatever the future brings, but there is one point on which a near 100 per cent. unity is apparent. It is to build up a defence establishment at whatever cost. That is saying considerable when individual taxes have doubled or even tripled.

More people have discarded the idea that the second world war is just another far away conflict and are studying its developments carefully as something which directly affects them. They still talk about the muddled world situation.

On the eastern seaboard and in the deep south, a much greater proportion of people believe that the war would inevitably involve the United States than in the traditionally isolated midwest. The southerners have been Anglophile ever since the civil war.

On the Pacific coast, main attention is riveted on the Pacific because people there feel that Japanese ambitions are a distinct threat to the United States. However, a good many west coast businessmen and industrialists express the belief that an Axis victory in Europe would bring on a vicious economic struggle for both Oriental and South American markets.

### Germans Suspected

In the eastern part of the United States, many persons have expressed the belief that Germany has designs on the American continent. They base this expression on the conquest of the Low Countries and the Balkans, the entry into north Africa and the attack on Russia. They add

the opinion that if Germany was victorious in Europe, the Nazis immediately would be in a position to carry on a tremendous price-cutting economic war based on barter exchanges.

Some persons prophesy that should Britain be beaten by the Nazis, the United States and Germany are certain to clash militarily in the future over Latin America or the Atlantic islands. Others feel that the United States' commitments to aid England and China are so conclusive the United States is now in the war in every respect except the shooting. It is interesting to note that the former slogan "All aid to Britain short of war" has given to the emphasis on "Protection of the United States," and the American continents."

### Isolationists Active

On the other hand, the isolationists continue their running attack to keep the United States out of war, conducting a more vigorous campaign than a year ago. There really has been little emotional appeal to stir up the public. If the vast network of the press, radio and cinema is ever brought into play to accomplish a specific change in public opinion—plus rallies in cities, towns and country schoolhouses—the national sentiment might be crystallized—almost overnight in favour of some specific line of action. This has happened before.

# Crossword Puzzle

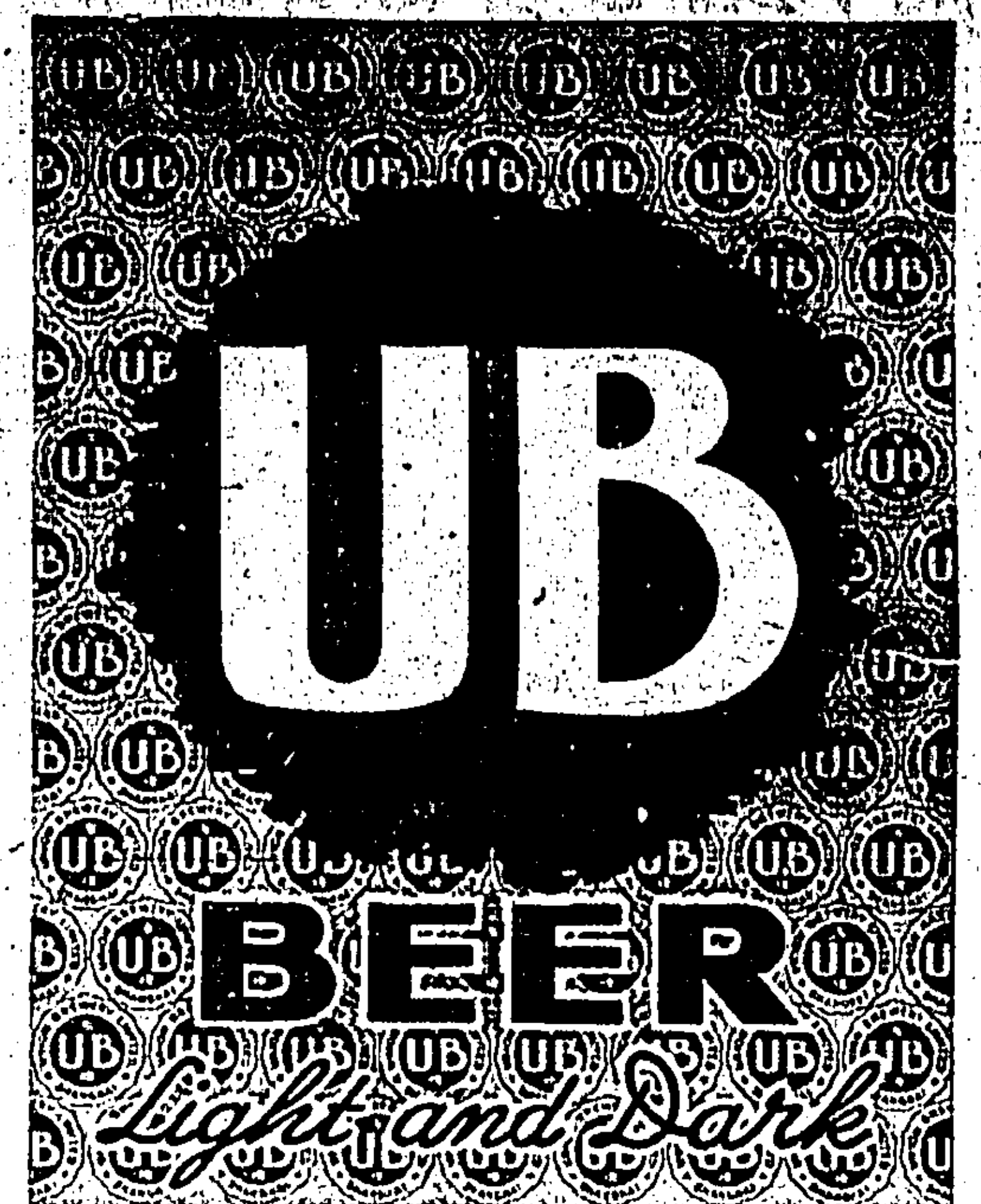
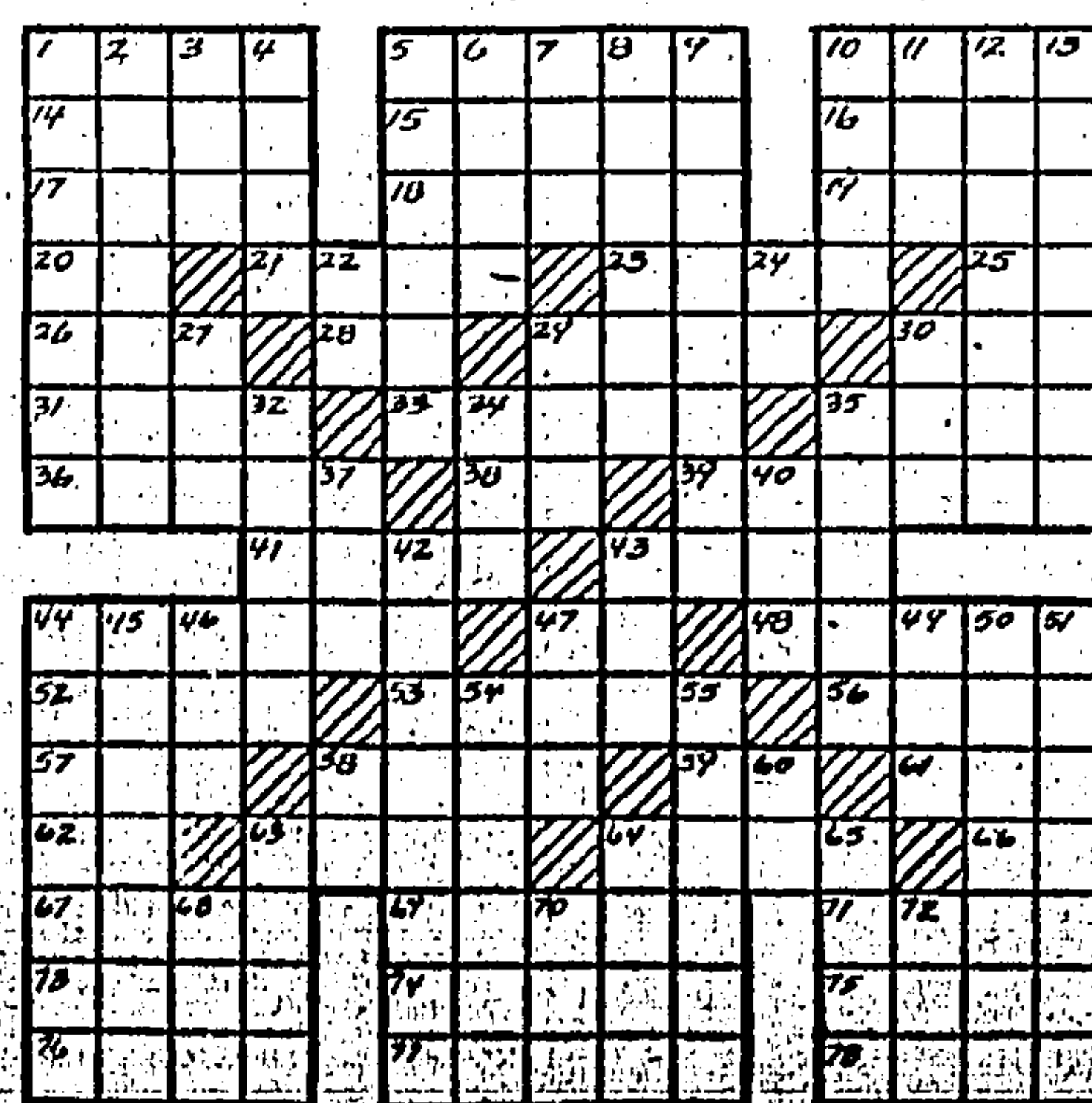
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ACROSS

1—Peltres  
2—Runs in competition  
3—Inexorable  
4—Before long  
5—Dark and valuable wood  
6—Curves  
7—Fragrant  
8—Danger  
9—Of chaotic simplicity  
10—Have existence  
11—Spot of ink  
12—Pleasant  
13—Used to include  
14—Lively  
15—Hole, inconsiderate  
16—Distance from right to left wheel  
17—On side away from  
18—Suffix of contemptuous meaning  
19—Expression denoting hesitation  
20—Masks changes in  
21—Requirement  
22—Of tangible quality  
23—Fastening device  
24—Adverse  
25—Vowels  
26—Recently deceased  
27—Jogs along  
28—World War diar  
29—Bound with rope  
30—And not  
31—Wrestle  
32—Pigeon  
33—Orion

DOWN

1—American stage  
2—Killing light  
3—Creature (pl.)  
4—Jutting rock  
5—Rites  
6—Solist strenuously  
7—Mountain in Ecuador  
8—Country in New York  
9—Brazilian volcano  
10—Building in India  
11—Building division  
12—Hole in rock  
13—Bird of prey  
14—Town in Arkansas  
15—Vulgar pretender  
16—Loud noise  
17—Falls together  
18—Family of anemids  
19—Classic attack  
20—Vital condition  
21—Heaven away  
22—Prostitute  
23—French feminine  
24—Toward  
25—Of carous  
26—Above contraction  
27—Alcoholic drink  
28—Fidelity drawn  
29—Crimson  
30—Stock of maps  
31—General opinion of  
32—More slowly  
33—Pressing into place  
34—Of carous  
35—Deteriorate  
36—Anti-slipping attachment for ice  
37—Used as food  
38—Lord of everything  
39—Play on words  
40—Process of wearing  
41—Brazilian bird  
42—One who draws in  
43—Ruh  
44—Katra three vol.  
45—Preposition  
46—Don  
47—Zoologic group  
48—No difficulty  
49—Part of skeleton  
50—Humorous one who  
51—Number of fingers  
52—Fish spawn



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## NO AIR MASTERY FOR NAZIS

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planes on the ground. Our artillery is also inflicting on the enemy heavy losses. Nazi air formations are breaking up under the crushing attacks of our airmen.

The 51st and 54th Bomber Squadrons of the Air Corps commanded by General von Greim, lost during the first day of war 30 per cent of their planes and the 55th Squadron 50 per cent. Losses of the German air force were heaviest in the zones of operations of Generals Kesselring's and Stumpe's air fleets in the western and southwestern directions. The General adds: "If the tempo and scale of activity on the front from the Barentz Sea to the Black Sea continues without change for another two or three months, the German air losses will increase considerably."

### Raw Pilots

After a few thousand skilled pilots, General Grendel continues, "the bulk of personnel of the German air force now consists of hastily trained pilots—which must inevitably result in increase of losses."

According to war prisoners, the majority of the German pilots joined the air force either in the latter half of 1940 or the first half of 1941. It should also be borne in mind that prior to the war with the Soviet Union, German aeroplane factories could replace the losses of aircraft only when part of the air force was in action. During the period of May to September, 1940, when practically the whole of the air force was thrown into action, the German aircraft industry managed only with great difficulty to replace the losses and during these five months the expansion of the air force stopped altogether.

### Replacement

"During the entire period of the European War preceding the attack on the U.S.S.R., the losses of the Nazi air force amounted to less than 9,000 planes, yet in order to replace these losses the Germans had to make extra efforts and their air force was compelled to reduce the scale of its military operations."

It is in the light of these facts that one should evaluate the losses of Hitler's air force in the war against the U.S.S.R. At present the German air force is forced to reduce its radius of action and the transfer of its units from one direction of the front to another. Even working at full capacity, Germany's aeroplane factories are unable to replace her rapidly increasing losses. On the other hand our inexhaustible strength is growing from day to day.

### German Plane Losses

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (UP).—At least 300 German planes have been destroyed over the approaches to Leningrad as well as hundreds of tanks and thousands of men. This was announced by M. Kuznetsov, a member of the War Council at a mass meeting yesterday, and broadcast from Leningrad.

He declared, "The city has become the front. Armed people merge with the Red army and the Baltic fleet. Thousands of workers in the immediate vicinity of the front are building fortifications around Leningrad."

## Nazis On Defensive

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that the Russians in Odessa do not lack air support, "for although Odessa's seven aerodromes only serve for supplies and cannot be used as air force bases, military planes come and go from the Crimea with out pause and challenge the Germans' command of the air."

### U-Boat Captured

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The following is the text of a communiqué issued by the Soviet Information Bureau:

"During September 7, stubborn fighting continued against the enemy along the entire front. "Our air force dealt massive blows against the enemy troops and attacked his air force on his aerodromes. Twenty-three German planes were destroyed or crippled in the air, and 10 on enemy aerodromes. We lost 11 planes. "A German submarine No. 73, was captured in the Sea of Barentz."

## Pres. Roosevelt's Aged Mother Passes

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tion where she was entertained at an official luncheon. She entered the luncheon room on the arm of M. Paul Bonnet, who was then French Minister of Finance, and previously Ambassador in Washington.

It is presumed that Mrs Roosevelt will be buried at St James' Episcopal Church, Hyde Park village, where the President's father is interred. Mrs Roosevelt was very active, attending many charitable functions and state occasions but it is known that the President, when he went to Hyde Park for the week-end, wanted his mother to have a "check up" by her doctor.

### Broadcast Postponed

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—According to the Columbia Broadcasting System the broadcast is postponed to Thursday.

## ANGLO-SOVIET TRADE TREATY

"SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAPH" MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (UP).—A technical agreement between the Bank of England and the Soviet State Bank has been signed implementing the trade pact and regulating the mode of payments and exchanges.

## Foochow Is Returning To Normalcy

FOOCHOW, Sept. 7 (Central News).—Conditions in Foochow are gradually returning to normal. With the rehabilitation of the city under way, former residents are returning in large numbers.

To relieve the acute shortage of food the Fukien Provincial Food Bureau has sent here a considerable quantity of rice for distribution among the refugees. The price of the staple is now quoted at \$100 per picul; at the time of the fall of the city it rose to as high as over \$1,000 per picul.

Communication on the Min River was restored yesterday when a ship left here down river amid scenes of wild enthusiasm. Thousands of persons lined the banks and cheered the departing vessel and fire-crackers were let off.

### Booty Captured

NANPING, Sept. 7 (Central News).—Chinese "mopping up" operations on both banks of the Min River have yielded a huge war booty and a number of prisoners.

At Tungchow, the heavily-guarded Japanese post about seven miles west of Foochow where the decisive battle for Foochow was fought on the night of September 2, the Chinese captured 300 shells abandoned by the Japanese when they hurriedly evacuated the point.

In Futsing and Lienkiang, Japanese stragglers are being rounded up and numerous prisoners taken. They are being escorted to Foochow for trial.

One heavy gun and some 30 machine-guns were seized in the Lienkiang sector.

## New Incidents In Paris

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Swiss radio under the title of "New Incidents In Paris" reports a fire alleged to have been started maliciously in the garage of the 16th Arrondissement of Paris which was requisitioned by the Germans. Firemen extinguished the fire.

Investigators found in the garage bombs which had not exploded. In the Eiffel Tower quarter revolver shots were fired at a German soldier who was slightly wounded.

The Bourse district a German civilian was ill-treated, the Swiss radio adds.

### Civilian Slightly Hurt

VICHY, Sept. 7 (UP).—A German civilian was slightly hurt when set upon and overthrown while walking late last night near the central market in downtown Paris. His assailants escaped.

## Dollar-A-Year Men Get Paid

Cheque For 2 Cents

WASHINGTON, July 16.—To-day was pay day for 202 dollar-a-year men in the defence programme, but only 13 of them had worked a full year and were entitled to a whole dollar. The rest got paid on a pro rata basis, from cents up.

The cheques covered the fiscal year which ended June 30, and the Treasury computed them at the rate of 8 1/2 cents a month for the time each executive was on the pay roll. The total of all the payments was only \$126.

Many Office of Production Management executives received their annual compensation without ceremony, but John D. Biggers, Production Director, and E. R. Steinhilber, Jr., Facilities Director, arranged for public distribution of cheques to all recipients in their sections.

### No Pay For Chiefs

Neither William S. Knudsen, OPM Director, nor Sidney Hillman, Associate Director, received a cheque. They held office under a 1917 law which provides that they serve without compensation. That exempts them from an old law forbidding the Government to accept the free services of any individual.

The smallest cheque—for 2 cents—went to Randolph Paul of the Office of Price Administration. Government officials guessed that most of the cheques would be framed and never cashed.

## LATE NEWS

## Contractor Says He Was Asked to Tender

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nine partners whose names were Ng Wong-shi (woman), Ng Hung-nin, Ng Sik-shiu, Chan Choy-hung, Sing Fuk-ching, Luk Wing, Chung Tam, Fok Pung-chi and Cheng Wan. Of these partners, only Chung Tam, Luk Wing and himself were in Hongkong, the others being in the country or elsewhere.

### On Major Works List

The Chairman: When were you put on what is known as the major works list by the P.W.D.? Was it in 1935?—Yes.

What was the first contract you got in 1935?—I don't remember now but I think we had a contract with the Government before 1935.

I don't mean minor works. I mean major works. What was that contract you got before 1935?—Works such as the making of roads at Shing Mun Reservoir. We also built the filter bed at Shok Lau Pui. At any rate in 1935 did you not get a contract for the building of servants' quarters at Queen Mary Hospital worth \$95,000?—Yes.

In the same year you also got a contract for the building of Chinese and Indian staff quarters at Stanley Prison valued at \$227,600?—Yes. After that what was the next contract you got?—Building a Police Station at Takulung.

What year was that?—After we had completed the work at Stanley Prison.

What was the value of that contract?—Between \$30,000 and \$40,000. After that, did you get any more contracts?—The next contract had something to do with the playground at Queen Mary Hospital. That contract was worth about \$2,000.

Don't worry about small contracts. I am talking of big contracts.—I cannot think of any others.

### Other Contracts

Would it be correct to say that since you completed the work at Stanley you got no contract from Government until you made concrete blocks?—In 1940 we did some work in connection with No. 7 Police Station to the extent of \$20,000.

Was that before or after you started making concrete blocks?—Before.

Well, with the exception of this \$20,000 contract you got no other contract until you started making concrete blocks?—There was another contract yet in 1940—in connection with the concrete building at Telegraph Bay. That contract was worth \$19,800.

Will you tell the Commission how you came to get this contract for making concrete blocks?—I sent in a tender for it.

To whom did you send the tender?—To Capt. Hobbs.

Received Telephone Call  
How did you know that tenders were being called for?—Someone—I think a boy or servant of Capt. Hobbs—telephoned me and asked me to go to the office to get a tender form.

That was the first you knew about concrete blocks being wanted by the A.R.P.?—Yes.

You never saw any announcement in the Chinese Press about it, did you?—I don't remember now. Do you know why it was that your firm was specially favoured by Capt. Hobbs sending a special telephone message to you?—Very often when tenders were required by Government we were informed to go and get tender forms.

Who used to inform you?—Sometimes clerks and sometimes servants in Capt. Hobbs' office. Hobbs' office when you got the telephone message?—Yes.

### Spoke In English

And when you got there whom did you see?—I saw Capt. Hobbs. Did you speak in English to him?—Yes.

What did he say to you?—He told me that some concrete blocks were being made. I was shown a plan and some specifications in English.

Can you read English?—A little. And I was told to send in an estimate the following day.

Do you remember what the specifications were?—Yes, 112 lbs. of cement, 2 1/2 cubic feet of sand and five cubic feet of small stones. Those were the ingredients for making the blocks.

Was the size of the blocks mentioned?—Yes, 17 1/2 by 8 1/2 by 8 1/2 inches.

## U.S. TO GROW FOR BRITAIN

→ FROM PAGE ONE

committees under the U.S. Department of Agriculture defence boards," he declared. He has scheduled production conferences at Salt Lake City, Chicago, New York, and Memphis, Tenn.

Regarding sugar, Mr Wickard said that "no average limit was expected," indicating a renewal of the sugar act which is expiring this year.

He estimated that the British would need from six to eight per cent of the total American farm production next year.

## THE WAR FUND

The sale of Victory V's by Miss Naylor and the sale of Shanghai R.A.F. Association V Badges, augmented the Bomber Fund on Sunday morning, bringing the total to \$23,512.09. The list is as follows:

Mr and Mrs A. P. Pereira and family (monthly donation) ..... \$5  
Victory V, per Miss Naylor (third donation) ..... \$5  
Sale of Shanghai R.A.F. Association V Badges (two for \$5 and 3 at \$1 each) ..... \$15  
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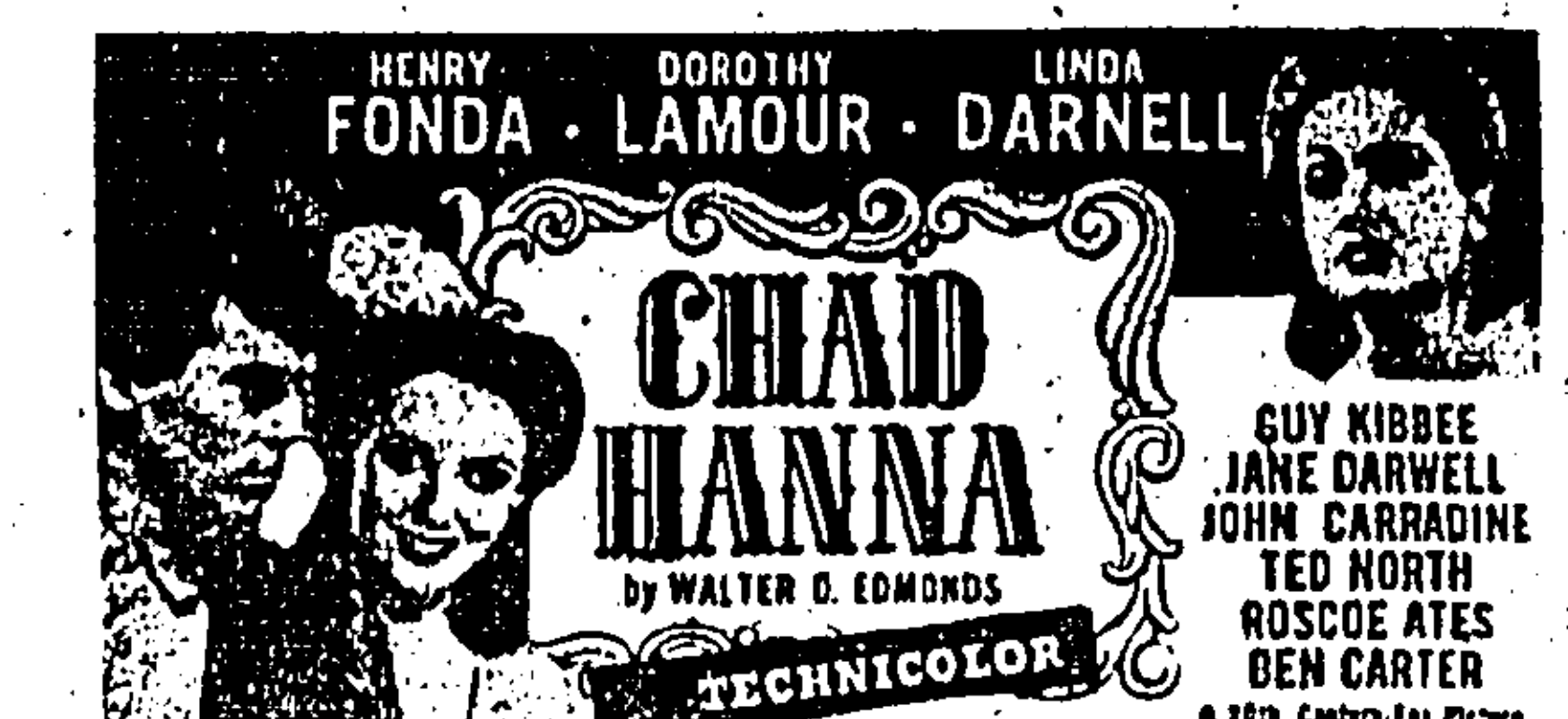


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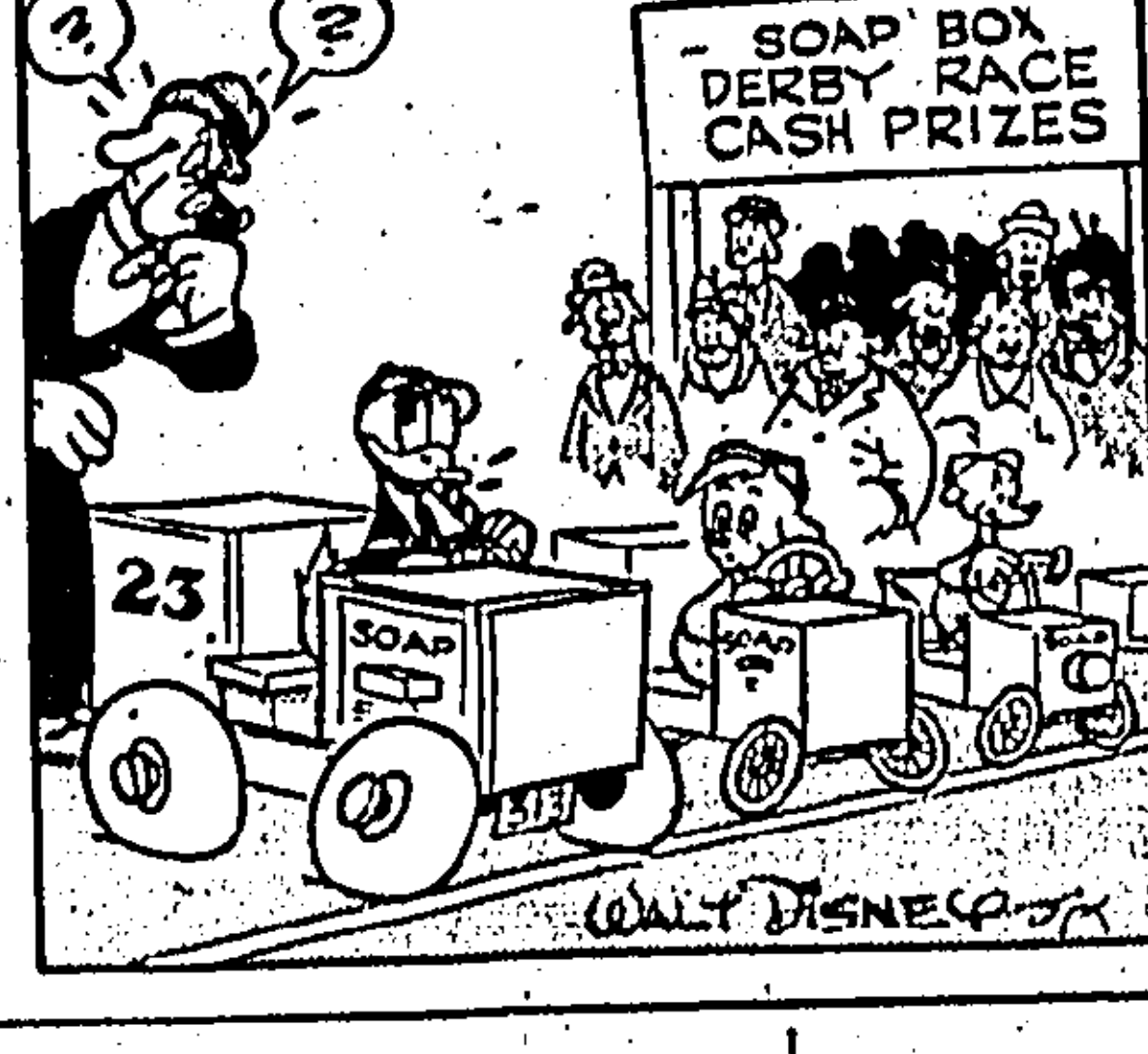
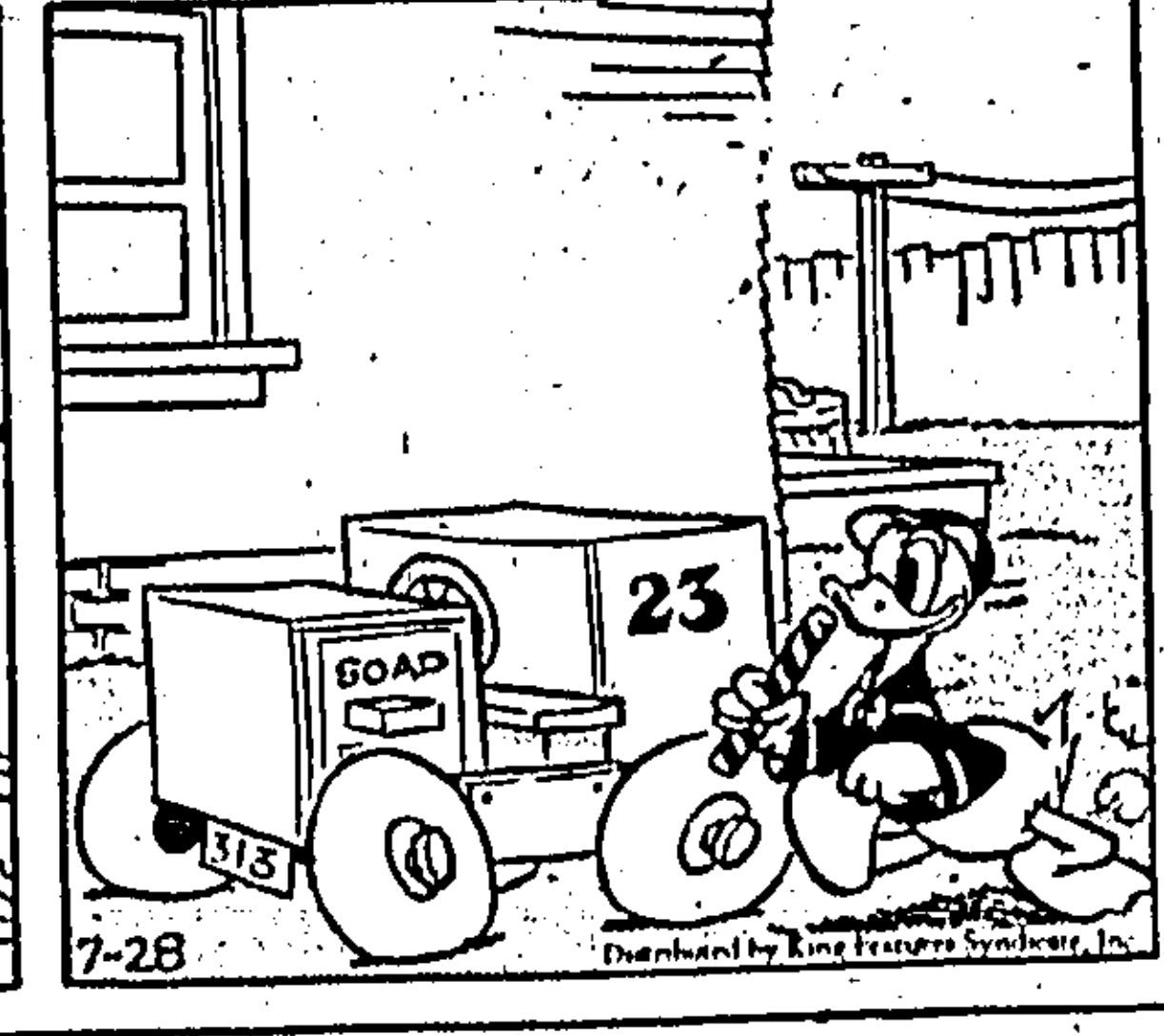
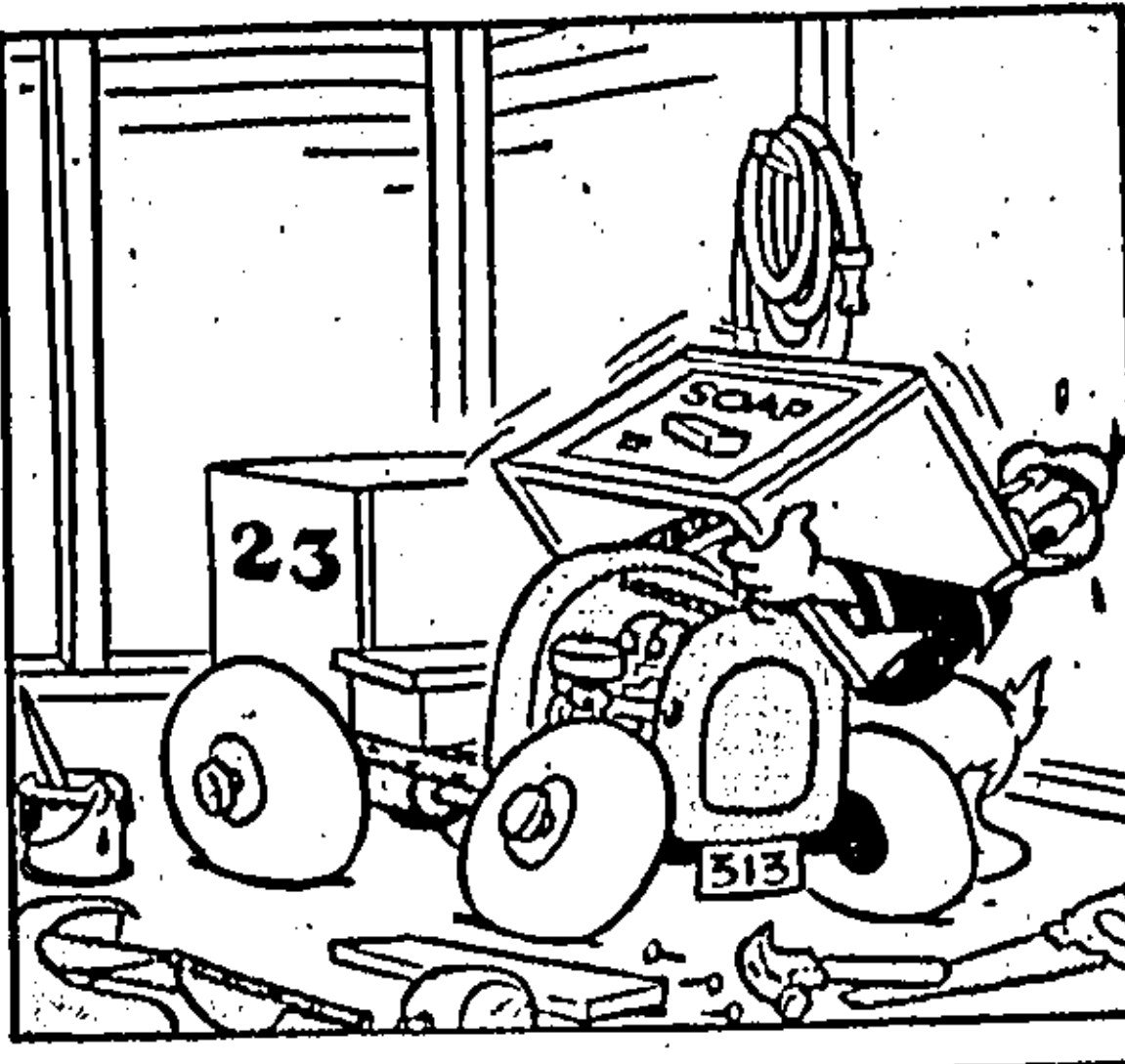
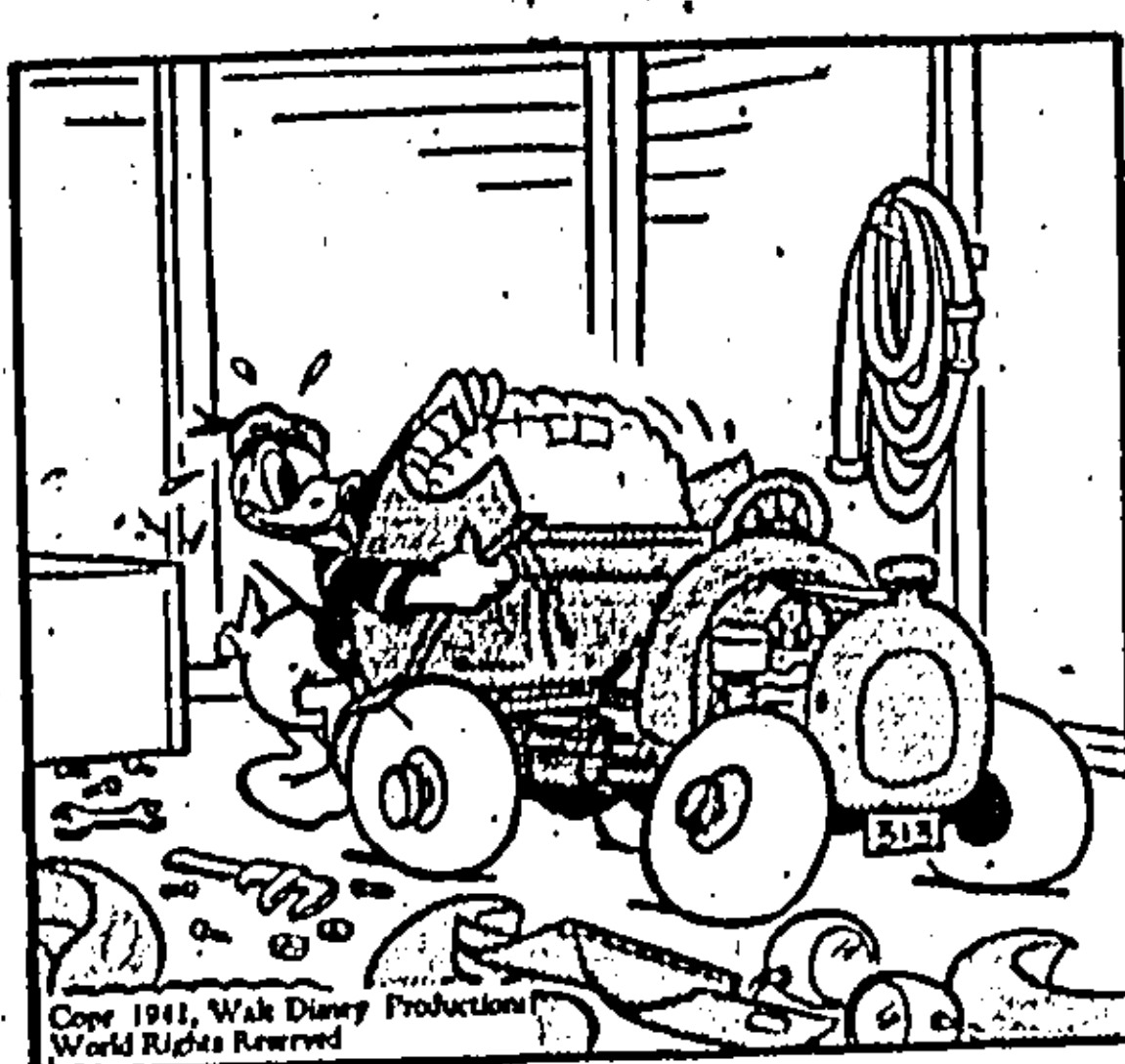
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Declaration  
By Brazil

## Defensive Alliance

**RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 7 (Reuters).**—Addressing a huge audience on the occasion of the anniversary of Brazilian Independence, President Vargas, referring to the policy of America as a whole, declared: "All aggression from whatever quarter will find us a united bloc made up of the greatest number of nationalities that has ever constituted a defensive alliance."

President Vargas, continuing, said that the 150th anniversary of Brazil's Independence could still be celebrated without mourning, for the people and government of Brazil had been able, despite the present difficult situation, to avoid the perilous shocks threatened by forces that were deluging humanity in blood.

"We are a peaceful nation," he said. "Our principal aim is to keep away from the terrible contingencies of war. We are, however, unable to foresee how events will develop and what circumstances we may be called to take part in or what efforts will be demanded of us."

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GERMANS ON DEFENSIVE IN FACE  
OF SOVIET COUNTER-ATTACKS

**MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (UP).**—The Red Army Organ, "Red Star" to-day reported further successful Soviet counter-attacks in the Kexholm and Gomel directions. In the Gomel sector, an infantry division made an offensive attack against the left flank of the German Vanguard, smashed their resistance and re-captured several villages. In the Kexholm direction, the Russians routed the enemy which is reported to be fleeing in panic through the woods.

The Red army also repulsed a German attempt to force a crossing of the Khramna River on the western front, blew up pontoon bridges and destroyed 35 planes on a neighbouring airport.

## Soviets Use Panzer Units

**ZURICH, Sept. 7 (UP).**—The newspaper "Zürcher Zeitung" reports that in various sectors it is understood that the Russians have started very heavy counter-attacks with strong forces and large reinforcements of panzer units including the heaviest types.

The heaviest attack appears to be on the central front by Marshal Timoshenko's army and also along the Dnieper where Marshal Budennyi has released a very strong offensive against the German east bank headquarters at many points. The Russians even tried to cross the Dnieper, but Berlin claims that they were thrown back with losses.

The paper states, "It is understood that the Russian counter-attacks are temporarily forcing the Germans to devote their chief attention to the defensive. The counter-attacks, however, have never exceeded the character of localised successes."

"The Russian losses are reported to be very heavy and therefore it is the conviction in Berlin that the Russian efforts will last only a certain time when they will be replaced with fresh German offensive operations."

**Western Sector**  
**MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (Reuters).**—Further successes in local operations in the western sector are reported to-day.

In one of the sub-sectors in the direction of Gomel, a Soviet rifle division, after overcoming considerable resistance, has retaken a number of large inhabited places and destroyed 21 German tanks and many guns.

At another point in the western sector, the Germans had established bridgeheads across the River Khmar. Soviet aircraft by dive-attacks destroyed the bridgeheads and prevented a crossing and killed some hundreds of Germans.

Soviet planes also attacked two aerodromes used by the enemy and destroyed 35 planes and damaged others.

**Odessa Bombed**  
**LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuters).**—"German bombers last night bombed the town and harbour of Odessa as well as railway junctions of military importance with good effect," says the German official news agency.

"Small and large fires testified to the effect of the attack."

**Command Of Air**  
**MADRID, Sept. 7 (Reuters).**—"The Berlin correspondent of 'Ere' says that the Russians in Odessa do not lack air support, 'for although Odessa is a seaport, it is not only a crossing for supplies and cannot be used as air force bases, military planes come and go from the Crimea without pause and challenge the Germans' command of the air."

**U-Boat Captured**  
**MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (Reuters).**—"The following is the text of a communication issued by the Soviet Information Bureau:

"During September 7, stubborn fighting continued against the enemy along the entire front.

"Our air force dealt massive blows against the enemy troops and attacked his air force on his aerodromes. Twenty-three German planes were destroyed on September 5 in air combats and on enemy aerodromes. We lost 11 planes.

"A German submarine No. 73, was captured in the Sea of Barents."

## Neutrality Revision

## May Mean War

## SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

**TOKYO, Sept. 7 (UP).**—The "Nichi Nichi" in an editorial to-day warns that the movement for revision of the neutrality law in the United States is likely to be followed by a leap into the war.

It said that President Roosevelt's aid to Britain policy is a "semi-report of the neutrality law in fact," adding that to alter it now means a general repeal. "If at last the United States is in the advanced stage of carrying aid to Britain supplies in American ships and conveying them with American warships, it won't be merely a modification of the neutrality law but a leap towards participation in the war."

## Funeral Of Mr Kring

The funeral of the late Mr. N. O. Kring will take place at 5.30 this afternoon at the Protestant Cemetery.

H.K. Stock  
Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,450 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	78 n.
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Chartered Bank	0.94 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	23 1/4 n.
Mercantile C.	11 1/4 n.
East Asia	70 n.

INSURANCES	
Canton Ins.	230 b.
Union Ins.	432 1/2 b.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire Ins.	105 b.

SHIPPING	
Douglas S.	120 n.
Steamboats S.	10 n.
Indo-China S.	80 n.
Indo-China D.	70 n.
Shell (Beacons) S.	51/10 n.
Waterboats S.	0.55 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves S.	91 1/4 b.
Docks S.	17 1/2 b.
Indo-China S.	0.65 n.
Shal Dockyards	31 1/4 n.

MINING	
Kailan S.	13/6 n.
Rauha S.	7 1/4 n.
H.K. Mines	2 cts n.

LANDS	
Hotels S.	370 n.
Lands S.	400 n.
Lands 4% Debentures	0.74 n.
Shal Lands S.	21 1/4 n.
Lumphy S.	7.20 n.
H.K. Realities S.	3 1/4 n.
Chinese Estates S.	0.98 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams S.	17 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (old) S.	3 1/4 n.
Peak Trams (new) S.	15 1/4 n.
Star Ferries S.	23 1/4 n.
V. Ferries S.	0.63 n.
China Lights (old) S.	0.63 n.
China Lights (new) S.	1.00 n.
H.K. Electric (old) S.	21.00 n.
H.K. Electric (new) S.	21 1/4 n.
H.K. Electric Rtg S.	18 1/4 n.
Macao Electric S.	12 1/4 n.
Sandokan Lights S.	24 n.
Telephones (old) S.	9 n.
Telephones (new) S.	9 n.

INDUSTRIALS	
Cold: Macg. (Ord.), Sh.	45 n.
Cold: Macg. (Pref.), Sh.	35 n.
Cantor Lees S.	15.00 n.
Cements S.	0.85/0.95 n.
H.K. Ropes S.	0.85/0.95 n.

STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms S.	10 1/4 n.
Watsons S.	11.00 n.
Lane Crawford S.	6.45 n.
Sinceres S.	2 1/4 n.
Wing On (H.K.) S.	1 1/4 n.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. S.	43 n.
Shal Cotton Sh. S.	305 n.

MISO.	
H.K. Govt 4% (1934)	101 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934)	98 n.
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Ch. Govt 5% 1925 G.Bds.	42 n.
Entertainments (old) S.	6.04 n.
Entertainments (new) S.	6.04 n.
Vibro Piling S.	7.20 n.
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 21 and 22.

## Call To Jews

**LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuters).**—Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz is issuing a call to all Jewish communities throughout the British Empire to join in a "week of re-dedication" in a period culminating in a day of atonement.

The week will be inaugurated by broadcast addresses on September 21 and 22.

COURAGE IN DESERT:  
OFFICER WINS THE M.C.

**LONDON, Sept. 7 (British Wireless).**—Coolness and tenacity in the face of "sudden terrific and blinding showers of bombs" during an operation in the Middle East contributed to the award of the M.C. to 2/Lieutenant Alan Young, of the Royal Garwhal Rifles, Indian Army, whose exploit is described with others in a War Office bulletin.

"This officer," it is stated, "was in command of two platoons of his Company which were ordered to attack by night an enemy position on a Bald Hill spur.

"The position was found to be much stronger than thought and well wired and defended. The left platoon crawled through the wire to reconnoitre and directed the platoons to follow quietly.

"The enemy sangar was located and dispositions were made to attack from two sides. The left platoon was heard, however, and a sudden terrific and blinding shower of bombs was hurled down on them, wounding all section commanders and causing some confusion.

"The platoon on the right was simultaneously attacked from the front and the Italians commenced to rush the survivors and a critical situation developed.

**Rose To Occasion**  
 "Young, however, rose magnificently to the occasion, collected the platoon and organised a counter charge. He himself shot two of the enemy with his revolver, and further casualties were caused by bombs and machine-guns when they came into action.

"In the face of this determination, the enemy ineffectually fled. The platoons by then had had 20 casualties and were on a very exposed slope, being fired on by machine-guns and rifle fire from Bald Hill and Algi Knoll.

"In spite of this and although he himself was hit by small pieces of bombs, Young in compliance with orders to attract as many of the enemy attention as possible, remained firing at various enemy machine-gun posts which were shooting down on him. He only withdrew when all wounded had been completely cleared and his task was completed in every detail. His skill, coolness, courage and determination were beyond all praise."

**Another Incident**  
 Perilous operations at Halfaya Pass are also described in relation to the award of the M.C. to Lieutenant (Acting Captain) J. R. C. White, Royal Artillery. "Captain White was in command of a troop of anti-tank guns supporting the two forward companies of the Coldstream Guards in a rearguard position at the foot of Halfaya Pass on May 20, 1941."

"During the afternoon of May 20 and morning of May 21, when the enemy was attacking and his fire of all arms was heavy in this extremely open and overlooked position, this officer continually crossed the 2,000 yards of the front in order to control his sections. In the actual withdrawal, White held his position until very late and although the enemy were close, machine-gun fire heavy and several of his own men had been hit, he insisted on delaying in order to help the Guardsmen back on their own transport."

"He continued to do right back to battalion headquarters. His courage and coolness set a fine example in a difficult situation and he undoubtedly saved many Guardsmen from being captured or becoming casualties."

**Private Stephens**  
 Courage in face of certain point blank rifle and machine-gun fire gained the Military Medal for Private G. Stephens, Worcestershire Regiment. "On May 6, during an attack on an Amba Algi position, this soldier with another was selected to go forward to remove a knife-rest blockading the road going through the enemy wire and that his platoon could advance. The knife-rest and approach of some 50 yards to it was in full view of an enemy position on a hill 300 yards away and was covered by his guns. Before he could reach the roadblock, a heavy

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 8.30 Programme Summary.  
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9.00 Local Time Signal. This Week's Programme.  
 9.05 Puccini's "La Tosca" Act 2. Singers in order of appearance: Apollo Granforte (Baritone), Giovanni Azzimonti (bass) Nelo Panti (tenor) Piero Palai (tenor) with orchestra of La Scala Milan (on short wave only).  
 9.45 Negro Spirituals. Singers: Paul Robeson, Edna Thomas.  
 10.00 London Relay—News and News Commentary.  
 10.15 Chopin Sonata in B Flat Minor Op. 35—Percy Brabner (piano).  
 10.35 The Light Symphony Orchestra and Nancy Evans (soprano).  
 11.00 London News from Home.  
 11.15 Close Opn.

Gang Attack  
On Chinese  
Newspaper

## Incident In City

A determined effort to obstruct the normal sale of the "Hua Hsiang Pao," pro-Leftist Chinese evening newspaper, was made on Saturday afternoon, when papers were wrenched from the hands of vendors and torn up by a gang of hooligans outside the newspaper's wholesale depot in Lee Yuen Street East.

The incident occurred shortly after 3 p.m., the normal publication time. As soon as vendors were issued with the papers, they were met by a number of "toughs" who forcibly took possession of the papers and tore them into shreds at the end of the street.

It is estimated that at least three-quarters of the day's issue were destroyed in this way and prevented from passing into readers' hands. Police assistance was summoned, whereupon the gang disappeared. Yesterday's issue of the paper was not interfered with in any way.

## Tokyo Foreign Office Gives Gates For Scrap

## SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

**TOKYO, Sept. 8 (Domot).**—The Foreign Office's iron gates are gone. Twelve feet high and weighing well over a ton and a half, the black iron gates have been swinging on hinges anchored in granite posts since somewhere around 1911, but yesterday workmen arrived and carried them away for scrap iron.

Russia Wants  
Aluminium

## SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

**WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (UP).**—Authoritative defence quarters to-day stated that Soviet Russia has requested aluminium supplies from the United States to offset the losses caused by the destruction of the Dniepropetrovsk dam and the disruption of the Leningrad plant, which resulted in cutting approximately 66% of the annual capacity of 150,000,000 pounds.

The destruction of the dam wiped out the principle supply of 75,000,000 pounds while the Leningrad plant with a productive capacity of 30,000,000 pounds is also believed not to be operating. They were of the opinion that the Kamensk plant in the Urals, with an estimated capacity of 50,000,000 pounds annually is operating fully.

Bauxite from the Tikhvin fields is also said because it is now under control of the Finns.

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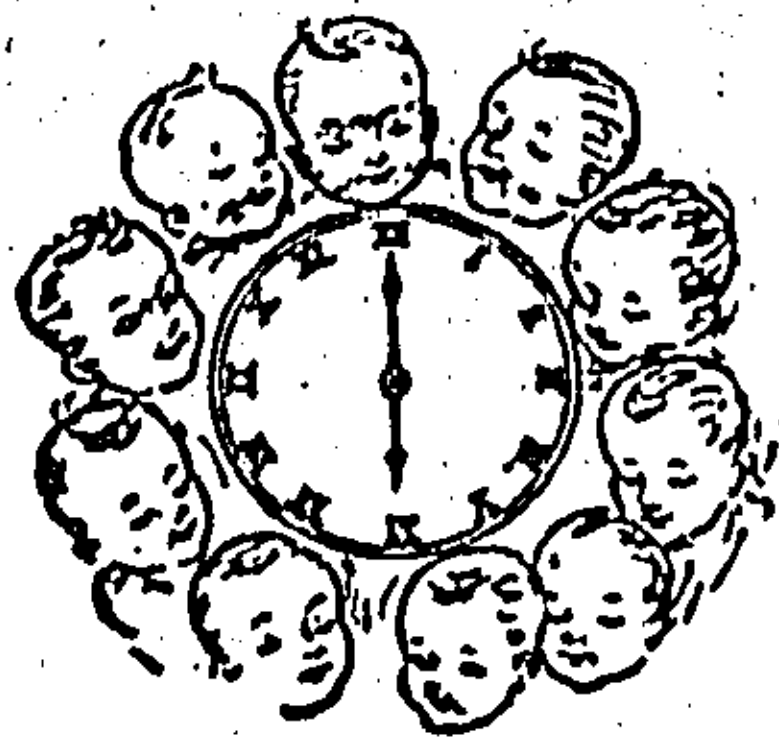
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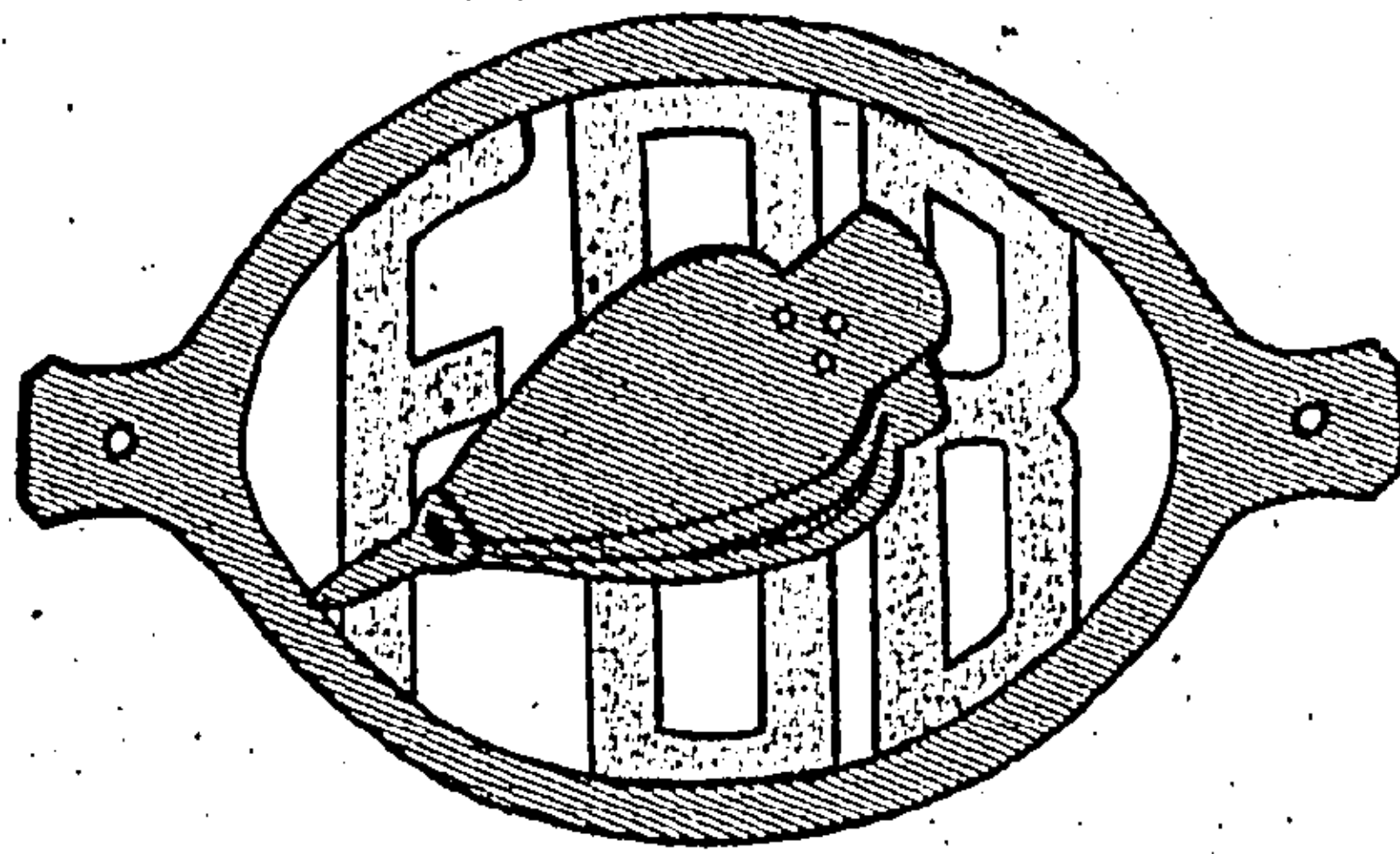
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### MOMENTOUS DAYS AHEAD

THE third year of World War II opens in an atmosphere promising momentous happenings and decisions, the impact of which will be felt by almost every country in the universe. It opens with the democracies stronger materially and spiritually than they were a year ago and the Axis proportionately weaker; for each part of the world something of special significance is happening.

For America, it is the Greer incident and the possible repercussions therefrom; will it hasten the entry of the United States into the conflict, or will it serve only to make more energetic and determined America's material efforts to aid Britain and Russia?

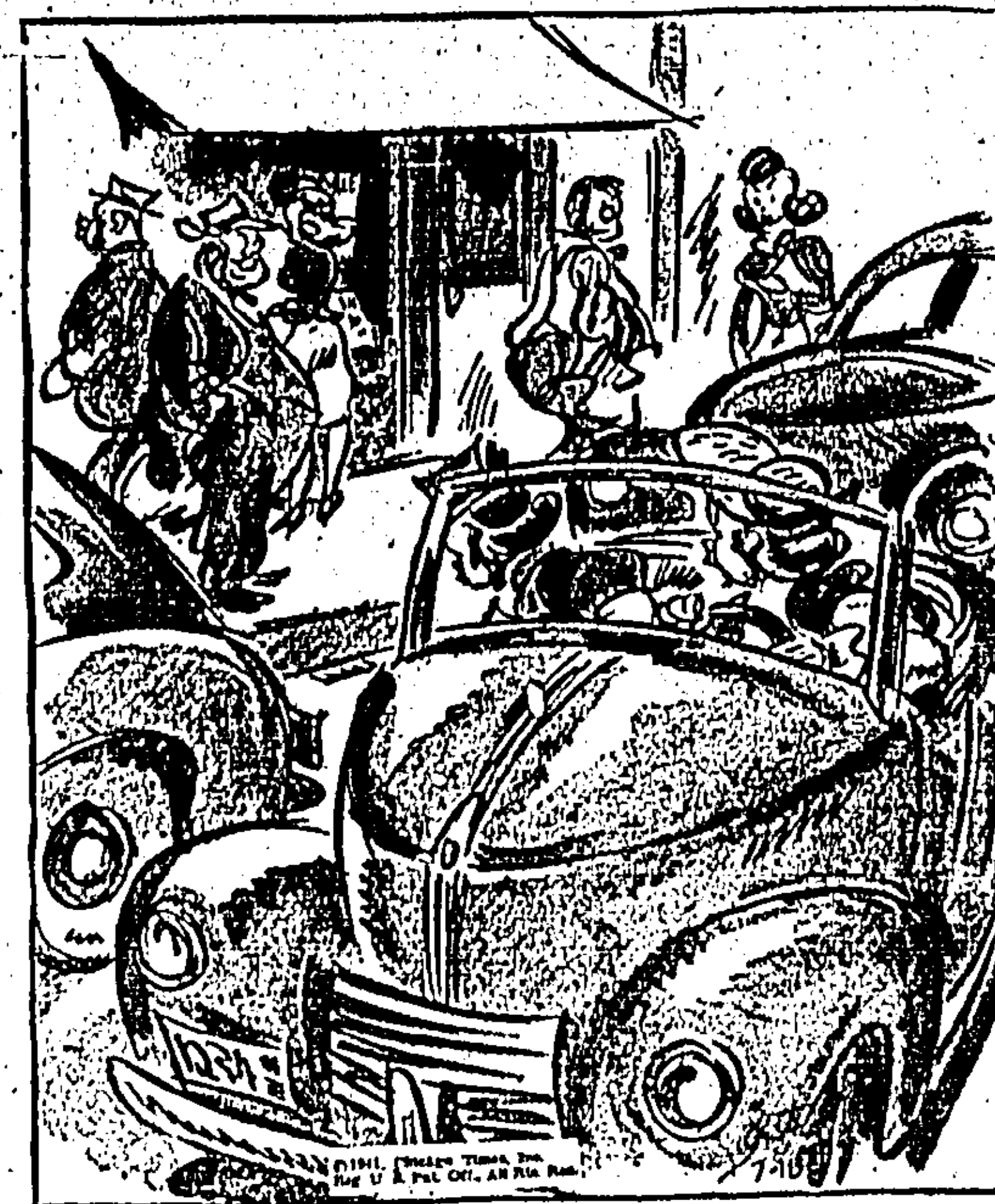
For Britain, the third year opens with more and more men being called away from private work to active soldiering, their places to be filled by women; does this presage the long-awaited invasion of the Continent?

For Japan the crucial topic of the day is the likely outcome of the present negotiations between her and the United States which were initiated by the personal note from Prince Konoye to President Roosevelt. If best informed observers are correct in their analysis, the results of these negotiations may determine the prolonged existence or sudden death of the Konoye Cabinet.

For China, the start of the third year of the European war brings renewed encouragement to continue her magnificent fight against Japanese aggression, knowing full well that more and more assistance is forthcoming from the democracies to this end.

Hongkong's interests are bound up with those of the mother country and the rest of the Empire. But this war anniversary brings also with it a domestic pre-occupation. A Governor has just departed and a new administrator is arriving this week; he comes at an acute moment and his task is going to be no sinecure. Happily he can depend upon the fullest measure of support and encouragement from the community which, despite its concern over local problems which are having a big influence on

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## SPOTLIGHT ON TOKYO TODAY

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## IS JAPAN NOW DESPERATE?

BY H. O. THOMPSON

Japan for a decade has than dishonour, would be prepared to take if circumstances brought them to it.

The effect of that psychology on American policy became apparent when President Roosevelt said, "If we had cut the oil off they probably would have gone down to the Dutch East Indies a year ago and you would have had war."

The United States is better prepared to-day than she was a year ago to deal with aggressive actions by Japan. Japan undoubtedly knows that. But a constant consideration in dealing with Japan is Nippon's readiness to take on risks which if handled by a western diplomat, would send him reeling in to a golfing week-end to recover his shattered poise.

### YOSHIZAWA'S VIEW

Further understanding of Japan's current actions can be obtained from a statement given to me by Kenkichi Yoshizawa, the man who this year conducted unsuccessful trade negotiations with the Netherlands East Indies at Batavia.

I talked with Mr Yoshizawa after the United States abrogated its commercial treaty with Japan in 1939, and before that abrogation became effective on January 26, 1940. There was talk in Tokyo at the time of a possible non-aggression treaty between Japan and the Soviet Union. I sounded out Mr Yoshizawa, a former Foreign Minister and one of Japan's top-ranking diplomats, on the subject.

"I feel sure that nothing of the kind is at present being considered by the Japanese Government," Mr Yoshizawa told me.

"Some people here are thinking that Japan, if driven into a corner by the Powers, including America, must take a firm stand, possibly meaning a political agreement with Russia or something along that line."

"Some elements favour desperate measures of that sort, but I'm sure the Government does not regard the present stage as needing any such desperate means. I'm sure we haven't reached any such desperate situation yet."

Accepting Mr Yoshizawa's definition of a desperate situation, Japan seems certainly to

## Young Huns Taught To Be Brutal

Long before the Nazis publicly clamoured for the return of their colonies, bewildered German parents were asked to give their sons an education that would make them into "good colonial administrators."

Quite a number of German fathers and mothers who accepted this advice were not less surprised to hear that their sons were being trained to be toughs to an extent that was not even expected from a real Stormtrooper.

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This school for German colonial experts saw to it that its pupils should know all about the history of German colonial

activity. Yet no teacher told the boys that Hitler's historical idols, Frederick the Great and Bismarck, had pronounced strongly against overseas possessions.

Nor did they reveal that Germany, at its peak as a colonial power, had imported from the colonies less than two-thirds percent of its total imports and that, when Germany finally entered the race for colonies, it picked only those which had strategic value and menaced French or British overseas possessions or communications.

Guided by Hitler's old friend, General Epp, who had aided and abetted the Nazis in their early Munich days, a shadow colonial organisation sprang up to take over one day where Germany left off when the Great War began.

This organisation left little doubt that the Nazis would return to the old German methods.

Men like General Trotha, the German boss of West Africa, became the new heroes. He was the man responsible for the Herero Massacre.

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Only 15,000 remained of 85,000 of these unfortunate people after the Germans had finished with them. "Make no prisoners," said Trotha. "Kill every one."

Now General von Epp, who has tried to revive this old spirit in young Nazis, to teach them new cruelties to exceed those employed against the Jews, comes out of the shadow as Nazi Germany's first Minister for Colonies.

He does not think merely of Germany's old colonies which Hitler once hoped to reconquer. The new Nazi Minister aims higher and farther: the whole of Africa, British, French, Belgian, South African possessions; in short, everything is to be Nazified.

Administrators are ready for every job. Colonial police and troops have undergone special training. The Gestapo will, according to Epp's plans, operate in the jungles, whence they derive their conception of law and order, anyway!—From John Bull.

## CONTRACT BRIDGE

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

### Unorthodox but Brilliant

THE Culbertson table of leads is a general guide that will be effective in the great majority of cases. As proof, however, that no table or rule can be devised that will do a player's thinking for him, I commend the following deal to my readers' attention:

At his table West firmly laid down the club king. Note the diabolical effect of that lead.

East's queen fitted neatly underneath the king and now, whether or not declarer held up the ace, he was "sunk." West was in a position to establish his club suit before losing his spade ace, and there was nothing declarer could do but accept defeat as graciously as possible.

Now let us see whether the lead was well calculated or merely lucky. What did West have to lose by selecting the club king instead of any other club? If South had the club queen in addition to the ace, the lead of the king would neither lose nor gain. The same applied to the holding of the guarded queen by either dummy or East. If the queen were blank in either dummy or East's hand, however, the king lead was vital. The only danger of leading the king was to find East with the ace, and declarer with the queen. In that case, the king lead would lose the chance to trap the queen. But surely this was an unlikely contingency, considering the bidding. It was at least four to one that either declarer or dummy held the club ace.

To-morrow's Hand

West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

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0832  
0AKQJ  
96

N  
W  
E  
S

AK108  
974  
85  
1078

AKQ  
AKJ108  
AKJ92

How should this hand be bid?







(By "SCRAMBLER")

**N**AVY, the unknowns, will have Hendy, Barber, Le Page, and most of last year's players, and may yet prove to be the "dark horse" of the year.

In celebration of their success in the First Division of the Lawn Bowls League, Craigengower Cricket Club will hold a dinner, followed by a concert, on Wednesday Sept. 17. The "Cosmopolitans" will entertain at the concert.

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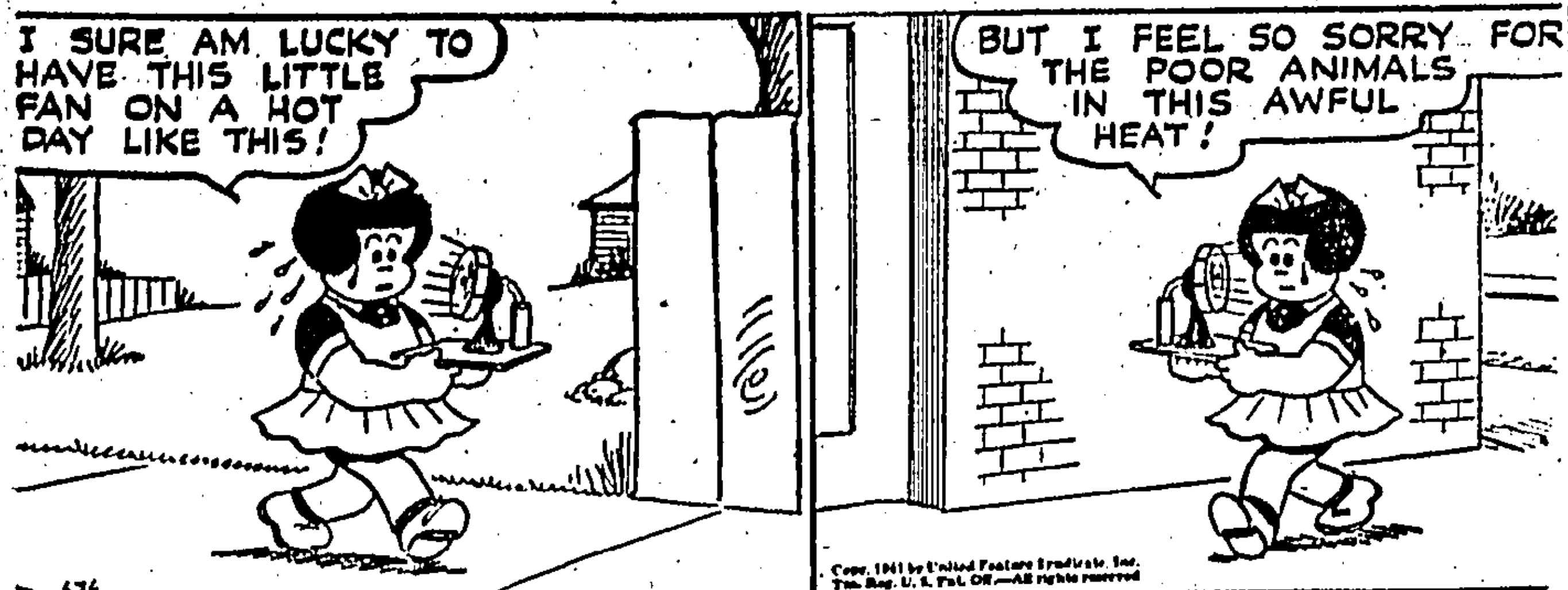
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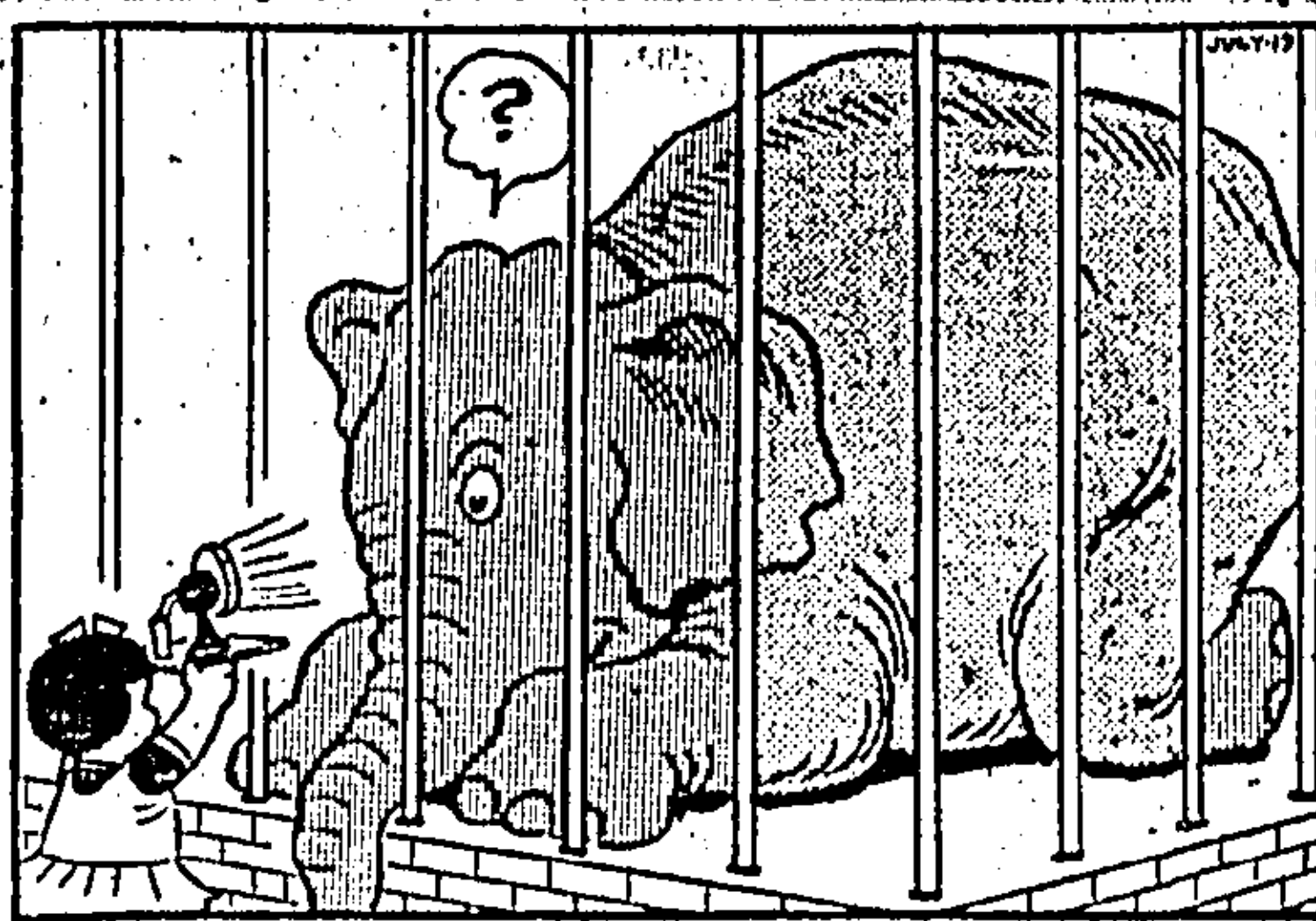
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## UNABATED BATTLE FOR LENINGRAD

### Issue Remains In Balance

(War Commentary by "Annalist")

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Throughout the week-end, the battle for Leningrad continued unabated. The issue remains in the balance: the Soviet communiqué is reticent, reporting only that fighting continues, while even the Germans merely fall back upon the accustomed formula that operations continue "according to plan."

Despite the huge effort the Germans are making, it seems that they have nothing concrete to report since their claim two days ago that Leningrad was under shell-fire.

Even if this claim is true, it is not particularly significant for it may be noted that Odessa, Tobruk and even Dover all have been under German shell-fire, but are far from being in German hands.

Nevertheless it would be foolish to underestimate the seriousness of the German thrust on Leningrad. It is just because the Russians realise the strategic importance of that city they are now exerting such strenuous efforts to defend it.

#### Diversion Of Strength

Should Leningrad fall at any time before the winter sets in, it might leave a section of the Nazi army free to sweep inwards towards Moscow and in addition would give them in the port of Leningrad a valuable supply base free from mud and snow though not from ice, for it is noted that the Gulf of Finland is ice-covered throughout the winter months.

The defenses which the Germans are now facing in Leningrad are formidable. Indeed the three concentric rings of fortifications around its southern approaches (the only direction from which the city can be seriously threatened) have been compared in strength with the best in the world. They may not be impregnable but they certainly will exact a disastrous toll of German lives if the Nazis decide to try to take the city by storm.

Even if the Germans reach the very outskirts of this city of 3,000,000 inhabitants, their problems will have only begun for the boundaries are a network of rivers and canals. The southern sector alone is threatened by five main rivers, the 400-yard wide River Neva protects this quarter from the east.

With the Russians determined to fight from waterway to waterway and house to house and with the winter coming soon, it is easy to imagine the formidable task and huge toll of human lives awaiting the Nazis before their communiques will be able to claim that they have taken Leningrad, "according to plan."

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## Nazi-Turkish Trade Talks

### Delegation To Ankara

ISTANBUL, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Dr. Clodius, the German trade negotiator, has now arrived here by air at the head of a large delegation including nine economic experts. They are proceeding to-morrow to Ankara where talks will take place. The Turkish delegates will be headed by M. Kishmir, Counselor of the Ministry of Commerce.

It is believed that the new agreement envisages transactions valued at about £20,000,000 based on the barter system. In view of defects in the means of transport and the difficulties of communications by land and sea it is considered that the Germans will be unable to derive all the advantages hoped for from the agreement.

#### Chrome Surplus

ANKARA, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—It is learned in Turkish business circles that the Germans are likely to press for chrome which Germany does not need at present but wants to purchase in order to strike a diplomatic blow at Britain who according to an agreement which however, expires shortly unless renewed, was granted the right to purchase all Turkey's exportable surplus of chrome.

## Foochow Is Returning To Normalcy

FOOCHOW, Sept. 7 (Central News).—Conditions in Foochow are gradually returning to normal. With the rehabilitation of the city under way, residents are returning in large numbers.

To relieve the acute shortage of food the Fukien Provincial Food Bureau has sent here a considerable quantity of rice for distribution among the refugees. The price of the staple is now quoted at \$1.90 per picul at the time of the fall of the city it rose to as high as over \$1,000 per picul.

Communication on the Min River was restored yesterday when a ship left here down river and a cargo of wild enthusiasm. Thousands of people lined the banks and cheered the departing vessel and fire-crackers were let off.

#### Booby Captured

NANPING, Sept. 7 (Central News).—Chinese "mopping up" operations on both banks of the Min River have yielded a huge war booty and a number of prisoners. At Tungkong, heavily-guarded Japanese post about seven miles west of Foochow where the decisive battle for Foochow was fought on the night of September 2, the Chinese captured 300 shells abandoned by the Japanese when they hurriedly evacuated the point.

In Futsing and Lienking, Japanese strongholds are being rounded up and numerous prisoners taken. They are being escorted to Foochow for trial.

One heavy gun and some 30 machine-guns were seized in the Lienking sector.

## Texas Head Office To Be Transferred

The head office of the Texas Company (China) Limited in Shanghai will be shifted to Singapore sometime this month.

The transfer will involve only part of the staff of the Company which will continue to operate in Shanghai for the sale of petrol and oil.

The transfer was ordered by the main office of the company in New York owing to the slump in business in Shanghai. Mr. LeFevre, the general manager of the Company in Shanghai, will be general manager of the new head office.

## ANGLO-SOVIET TRADE TREATY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (UP).—A technical agreement between the Bank of England and the Soviet State Bank has been signed implementing the trade pact and regulating the mode of payments and exchanges.

## Japanese Silence On Oil Tankers

SHANGHAI, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The arrival of two American tankers at Vladivostok with oil for Russia has not so far been reported in any Japanese newspaper as the result of action taken by Japanese censorship, according to foreign reports reaching Shanghai.

A memorial service for the late Mr. Yih Churiong, General Manager of the Farmers Bank of China, who passed away in America on July 15, was held at Confucius Hall, Caroline Hill Road, by a group of prominent Chinese here yesterday.

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## Barelegged Women In St Peter's

BERNE, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—It is learned from the Vatican City that shortage of women's stockings in Italy has caused a minor revolution in Catholic traditions.

To-day the Vatican authorities permitted women to enter St Peter's without stockings.

The decision, which was based on the almost complete lack of stockings in Italy except for women able to pay exorbitant prices, will probably be applied to all Italian churches.

## Envoys From Canberra

TO BRITAIN AND CHINA

SYDNEY, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Sir Earle Page, who is shortly going to London to represent the Australian Government, issued a statement to-day regarding his mission.

He said: "My function will be to establish personal Cabinet liaison between the two governments. I am still largely responsible to the Australian Parliament and people."

"The primary purpose of my mission will be the presentation of the Australian viewpoint in certain major problems and immediate strategy."

"The second purpose will be to arrange the best plan for maintaining the system of direct Cabinet representation in London."

Sir F. Eggleston, Singapore, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Sir Frederick Eggleston, first Australian Minister to Chungking, has arrived in Singapore.

He stated: "The policy of my appointment is gradually to extend the diplomatic representation of Australia to all countries in the Pacific with which we have diplomatic contact. This does not involve any breach if we are in unity with the British Commonwealth of Nations."

"Those appointed will regard their task as one of co-operation with British Ministers. It is, of course, true that Australia may have different interests on certain points but there will be constant consultations so as to beat out a common policy."

## One Mad Man & His Dog

HITLER IN THE WOODS

MADRID, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of "El" sends a graphic description of Hitler's headquarters about which silence up to now has been maintained.

The headquarters is no longer the train seen in newsreels. "The difficulties of railway communications have necessitated a change to a group of lorries which are transported into a kind of automobile camp."

"Camp is always pitched near a mountain or wood so that Hitler can take the solitary walks he is accustomed to at Berchtesgaden. At present it is near a large wood where Hitler walks alone with a dog. A thousand precautions are taken to keep the situation secret. Mail is sent by air to different aerodromes, then by car to the camp."

"The Press chief Dr. Dietrich has a special mobile office where world news is received so that Hitler is kept informed of current events."

## Enemy Escort Ship Blows Up

### Supply Vessel On Fire

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—An escort vessel was blown up and a supply ship was set on fire off the Dutch coast to-day, according to an Air Ministry communiqué.

The communiqué states: "Blenheim aircraft of the Bomber Command, escorted by fighters, attacked an enemy supply ship and an escort vessel off the Dutch coast early this afternoon. The escort vessel was hit and blew up and the supply ship was set on fire."

"An enemy fighter was destroyed by our escorting fighters. Our fighters also carried out several offensive sweeps over Northern France in the course of which they destroyed a second enemy fighter."

"In these operations we lost two Blenheims and two fighters."

### Fires Across Channel

LONDON, Sept. 6 (Reuter).—Flames from a chain of fires reddened the sky above Boulogne last night and watchers on the Kent coast believe that R.A.F. bombers gave the invasion ports a 90-minute bombing in brilliant moonlight.

Thousands of people from Ramsgate to Dungeness had a grandstand view of the attack, for visibility was exceptionally clear.

Searchlights tried to pick out the R.A.F. raiders and batteries of anti-aircraft guns flashed into action all the way from Boulogne to Cap Gris Nez.

At 11.30 p.m. after the last of the raiders had re-crossed the Channel, big fires were burning more fiercely than ever.

### Daylight Operations

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Three British fighters were lost in to-day's daylight operations, the Air Ministry announced.

## Japanese Withdraw From Syria

BEIRUT, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Japanese Consulate-General here, which has jurisdiction over Syria, Lebanon and Palestine, will close on Monday owing to the existing circumstances.

The Consul General, Mr. Saito, and the Vice-Consul are leaving Beirut. Other Japanese officials and civilians have already left for Japan.

### Catroux Consultations

DAMASCUS, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The French leader, General Georges Catroux, has proceeded to Aleppo for consultations with leading personalities concerning Syria's future.

## New Incidents In Paris

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Swiss radio under the title of "New Incidents in Paris" reports a fire alleged to have been started maliciously in the garage of the 16th Arrondissement of Paris which was requisitioned by the Germans. Firemen extinguished the fire.

Investigators found in the garage bombs which had not exploded.

In the Eiffel Tower quarter revolver shots were fired at a German soldier who was slightly wounded.

In the Bourse district a German civilian was ill-treated, the Swiss radio adds.

### Civilian Slightly Hurt

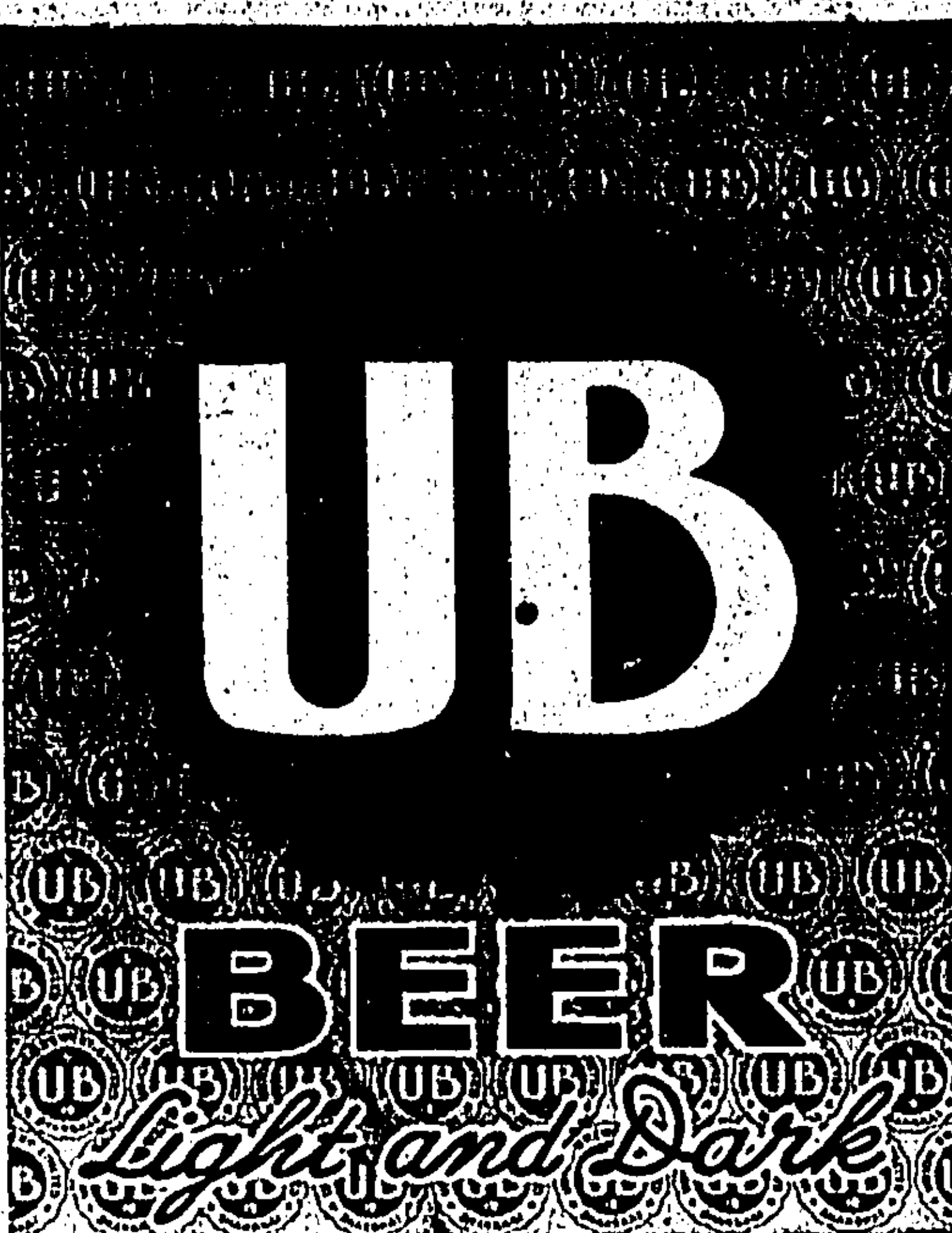
VICHY, Sept. 7 (UP).—A German civilian was slightly hurt when set upon and overthrown while walking late last night near the central market in downtown Paris. His assailants escaped.

## MEN OF SCIENCE IN WORLD OF TO-MORROW

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Representatives of Britain and the Empire, the United States, Soviet Russia and China will meet at a three-day scientific conference in London on September 20-22 "to demonstrate the common purpose of men of science in ensuring a post-war order in which the maximum benefits of science can be secured for all people."

Mr. John Winant, M. Malaise, and Dr. Wellington Koo are the American, Russian and Chinese Ambassadors who will preside at some of the sessions.

Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France will also be represented, and excited scientists from Germany and Austria will probably also be present.



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## President Roosevelt's Aged Mother Passes

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt's mother Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt is dead.

The President and his wife spent Saturday night at his mother's bedside and they were with her when she died at 11.15 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Mrs. Roosevelt had been unconscious for 12 hours following what the family physician, Dr. Scott Smith, called "acute circulatory collapse due principally to advanced age."

The first intimation of this development came on Friday night, but Mrs. Sara Roosevelt's condition did not become alarming until late on Saturday.

The funeral at Hyde Park on Tuesday will be private.

The old lady spent most of the summer at her cottage at Campo Bello Island, New Brunswick, left there for Hyde Park on August 31.

### Met King And Queen

Mrs. Sara Roosevelt was the wife of James Roosevelt, fourth cousin of President Theodore Roosevelt. In 1930 she met the King and Queen during their stay at the Hyde Park residence of the President and his wife during the Royal tour of Canada and the United States.

Born in 1854 at Algonac, a few miles from Newbury, New York State, Mrs. Roosevelt spent her childhood in Hongkong where her father was "in business." On her return to the U.S. she married James Roosevelt, a wealthy banker.

She was a devoted mother and a successful businesswoman. She was also a philanthropist and a social worker. She was a member of the Red Cross and the American Red Cross. She was a member of the National Woman's Party and the League of Women Voters.

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## NO AIR MASTERY FOR NAZIS

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land have spotted these bases" and inflicted crushing blows on them."

**Huge Losses**

According to "Reuter," General Grendel gave the following figures of German losses:

"In the course of the war, our air force has destroyed over 2,000 Nazi planes on the ground. Our artillery is also inflicting on the enemy heavy losses. Nazi air formations are breaking up under the crushing attacks of our planes."

"The 51st and 54th Bomber Squadrons of the Air Corps commanded by General von Greim, lost during the first day of war 30 per cent. of their planes and the 55th Squadron 50 per cent. Losses of the German air force were heaviest in the zone of operations of General Kesselring's and Stumpe's air fleets in the western and southwestern directions. The General adds: "If the tempo and scale of activity on the front from the Barents Sea to the Black Sea continues without change for another two or three months, the German air losses will increase considerably."

**Raw Pilots**

After a few thousand skilled pilots, General Grendel continues, "the bulk of personnel of the German air force now consists of hastily trained pilots - which must inevitably result in increase of losses."

"According to war prisoners, the majority of German pilots who joined the air force either in the latter half of 1940 or the first half of 1941. It should also be borne in mind that prior to the war with the Soviet Union, German aeroplane factories could replace the losses of aircraft only when part of the air force was in action. During the period of May to September, 1940, when practically the whole of the air force was thrown into action, the German aircraft industry managed only with great difficulty to replace the losses and during these five months, the expansion of the air force stopped altogether."

**Replacement**

"During the entire period of the European War preceding the attack on the U.S.S.R., the losses of the Nazi air force amounted to less than 9,000 planes, yet in order to replace these losses the Germans had to make extra efforts and their air force was compelled to reduce the scale of its military operations."

"It is in the light of these facts that one should evaluate the losses of Hitler's air force in the war against the U.S.S.R. At present the German air force is forced to reduce its radius of action and the transfer of its units from one direction of the front to another. Even working at full capacity, Germany's aeroplane factories are unable to replace her rapidly increasing losses. On the other hand, our inexhaustible strength is growing day by day."

**German Plane Losses**

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (UP).—At least 300 German planes have been destroyed over the approaches to Leningrad as well as hundreds of tanks and thousands of men. This was announced by M. Kuznetsov, a member of the War Council at a mass meeting yesterday and broadcast from Leningrad.

He declared, "The city has become the front. Armed people merge with the Red army and the Baltic fleet. Thousands of workers in the immediate vicinity of the front are building fortifications around Leningrad."

## Japanese Scheme To Oust British

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the small but purely British units in India.

Meanwhile, Congress would appoint a provisional Government in India which would be established by Japan, preparatory to Indian independence when the military phase of the revolt was concluded. In return for this, the provisional Government would undertake to compensate Japan for the expenses of the expeditionary force and any subsequent military aid necessary and also undertake to conclude trade treaties according to Japanese preference for India's import and export trade, etcetera. Additional details of subsequent relations between India and Japan to be worked out later.

**Explosive Interview**

The agents were understood to have reached India and saw Jawahar Nehru and other Congress leaders. The interview—to the surprise and dismay of the Japanese—was short and decisive as well as explosive. The agents bent a hasty retreat, their ears tingling with searing rebukes which elaborated the Indian leader's refusal, for, contrary to most reports according to the traveller who is in a position to know, the Indian National Congress is bitterly anti-Japanese and would under no circumstances consider any form of co-operation with the Japanese even in an attempt to free India from what they consider a British yoke.

Congress leaders explained that its attitude developed with the Japanese invasion of China. Previously, there had been some hope that Japan, as the most advanced Asiatic nation, might lead other Asiatics in their struggle against European imperialism. But when Japan copied the worst features of European imperialism and began trying to subjugate other Asiatic peoples, the revulsion of feeling in India was said to be, as one Indian Congress leader told the traveller, "It was as though a friend—one of our own people—had suddenly turned and stabbed us in the back."

CHUNGKING, Sept. 7 (Central News).—The National Government relieved Mr. T. K. Tseng of his post as Administrative Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs and appointed him to be Resident Representative of the Executive Yuan in Burma.

## Summary Of Week's Air Warfare

Europe & Mid. East

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—R.A.F. losses in the European zone last week showed a considerable drop compared with several previous weeks although their western offensive continued unabated.

Losses in Western Europe and the Middle East last week were 30 Axis and 40 R.A.F. Twenty-eight R.A.F. bombers failed to return from raids over Germany and occupied territory and attacks on shipping.

R.A.F. fighters destroyed 14 Messerschmitts for the loss of 11. In the Middle East, 20 Axis bombers and fighters were destroyed for the loss of seven R.A.F. machines.

On several sweeps, fighter pilots reported that Messerschmitts refused to fight and it appears that the Luftwaffe chief is trying to conserve pilots.

## Dollar-A-Year Men Get Paid

Cheque For 2 Cents

WASHINGTON, July 16.—To-day was pay day for 262 dollar-a-year men in the defence programme, but only 12 of them had worked a full year and were entitled to a whole dollar. The rest got paid, on a pro rata basis, from 2 cents up.

The cheques covered the fiscal year which ended June 30, and the Treasury computed them at the rate of 42 cents a month for the time each executive was on the pay roll. The total of all the payments was only \$126.

Many Office of Production Management executives received their annual compensation without ceremony, but John D. Bigners, Production Director, and E. R. Stettinius, Jr., Priorities Director, arranged for public distribution of checks to all recipients in their sections.

**No Pay For Chiefs**

Neither William S. Knudsen, OPM Director, nor Sidney Hillman, Associate Director, received a check. They had been under a 1917 law which provides that they serve without compensation. That exempts them from an old law forbidding the Government to accept the free services of any individual.

The smallest cheque—for 2 cents—went to Randolph Paul of the Office of Production Management. Government officials refused the name of the checks would be franted and never cashed.

## LATE NEWS

## China Stabilisation Board's Statement

The following statement was issued to the Press this afternoon by Mr. W. H. Taylor, assistant to Mr. Manuel Fox, American representative on the China Currency Stabilisation Board:

Conferences between the Stabilisation Board of China and representatives of American and British Banks have been held in Hongkong in the course of the last week in order to exchange views instituted by the United States and British Governments. Mr. J. A. Mackay, representing the American, and Mr. H. C. Hopkins, the British Banks, announced that they would co-operate fully with the Board in the attainment of common objectives. They indicated they would only buy or sell Foreign Exchange at the official rates fixed by the Board. The Chinese Banks have also promised their wholehearted co-operation with the Board. The Board appreciates the support the American, British and Chinese Banks have pledged and feels sure that the arrangements and understanding arrived at mark substantial progress.

The Stabilisation Board of China was instituted by an agreement reached on April 1, 1941 between China, the United States and Great Britain. It consists of three Chinese members, Mr. K. P. Chen (Chairman), Mr. Tai Yee-pei and Mr. Hsi Te-mou; one American member, Mr. A. L. Fox; one British member, Mr. E. L. Hall-Patch. Mr. Chen Ting-shan is General Secretary. The Headquarters are at the Central Bank Building, Chungking and it has a temporary office in Hongkong at the Hongkong Bank Building.

The United States and British Treasuries will co-operate to the full to insure that information is available with regard to the freezing Orders issued by their respective Governments. The United States Government is delegating special personnel to be stationed in China and Hongkong for this purpose.

## NAZIS STALLED IN RUSSIA

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U-73 was captured in the Barents Sea but gave no details. Soviet military observers stated that the German air force has already been weakened so much that it was compelled to thin out in certain sectors. If the current rate of hostilities continues for two or three months, the Luftwaffe will be bled white and their operations drastically curtailed.

**Berlin Report**

BERLIN, Sept. 7 (UP).—Hundreds of German divebombers are reported to be taking part in the siege with artillery battering Leningrad and the intricate system of fortifications around the city causing "immense losses in men and materials," according to the official news agency.

Authoritative circles continued to be silent, however, regarding the status of the drive against Leningrad and also failed to mention the situation on the eastern front.

Dispatches to the official news agency admitted heavy resistance by both the Soviet infantry and artillery and said that the advance is proceeding along "muddy, foundationless roads."

## World Book Co. Convicted

London Publishers Prosecute

The war by London publishers against infringement of copyright by the sale in Hongkong of cheap editions of their publications printed in Shanghai, was carried further before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistracy, this morning, when Mr. D. B. Evans of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master, appearing for Messrs. Macmillan and Company and Messrs. Longman, Green and Company, London, obtained convictions against the World Book Company, No. 74 Hollywood Road, Central, on four summonses for possessing and offering for sale educational text books to which false trade descriptions had been applied and for knowingly exposing for sale and selling, infringing copies of these text books.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the defence and pleaded guilty.

Mr. Evans said that the summonses were in respect of August 23 and August 27.

**Search Of Shop**

On August 23 a clerk was sent to the book shop and he bought a copy of Hall and Knight's "Elementary Algebra."

The shop was later searched on a warrant by police officers led by Sgt. Wall, and a total of 350 infringing copies of books were discovered. As a result of this on August 27 two further summonses were issued. Mr. Evans added that the name of the publisher was actually printed on the outside of some of the books and these were exposed for sale in the shop.

Mr. Silva, pleading "a mitigation," said that a certain friend of the owner of the World Book Shop in Shanghai, had obtained a considerable number of these books at a good price and sent them down to Hongkong with a view to helping defendant. The Shanghai friend requested that the books be sold on consignment basis. Defendant to receive 25 per cent. of the profits.

**Recklessness**  
Mr. Silva added that it was clear that his client did not know that these books were infringing copies and that the defence was based not so much on complete ignorance but on the plea of recklessness and carelessness. The books were not photostatic copies but were actually reprints and the infringement was hardly detected.

"How was he to know that they were not genuine?" asked Mr. Silva, "the only question was that of price." He added that the confiscation of the 350 books would in itself prove a serious loss to defendant.

Defendant was fined a total of \$520 on the four summonses, with costs on two of the summonses.

The books were ordered to be confiscated.

## U.S. TO GROW FOR BRITAIN

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Lake City, Chicago, New York, and Memphis, Tenn.

Regarding sugar, Mr. Wickard said that "no acreage limit was expected," indicating a renewal of the sugar act which is expiring this year.

He estimated that the British would need from six to eight per cent. of the total American farm production next year.

## Huts For Winter Campaign

ANKARA, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Finnish, Hungarian and Rumanian saw mills are busy producing thousands of standardised wooden huts which the Germans have ordered for use in Russia during the winter. The need for these huts is demonstrated in the film of the Russian war which the German Embassy recently showed to Turkish journalists who are amazed by the fact that they saw not a single hut standing throughout the film. The huts are being made without windows with an air space between the inner and the outer walls in order to keep out the intense cold.

## President Lines Removal

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
MANILA, Sept. 7 (Dome).—The President Lines have decided to transfer its Orient Office from Shanghai to Manila. A skeleton staff will be maintained in Shanghai.

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## Australia's New Premier Makes A Fighting Speech

SYDNEY, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—In his broadcast to-day, the Australian Prime Minister Mr. A. W. Fadden, said that at least one in four Australians of fighting age were fighting with the forces, namely 400,000 in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

Within another two years the figure would exceed 600,000 in addition to 200,000 engaged directly or indirectly in the production of munitions, war equipment and war supplies.

Naval personnel had increased threefold and Air Force personnel sevenfold.

**Tribute To Menzies**

Mr. Fadden paid a fine tribute to Mr. R. G. Menzies his predecessor as Prime Minister who he said, "gave himself unselfishly to his country in one of its most difficult periods."

Mr. Fadden added: "The third year will probably determine if civilisation, already bruised and battered, is to survive. That is why Australians, with the free people of the world, are relentless in their determination to sweep Hitler and his followers into oblivion."

**Navy Minister**  
MELBOURNE, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—"We rejoice that the Russians are fighting so magnificently, but Russia cannot hope to defeat the Germans in Germany and bring her to her knees," declared Mr. W. M. Hughes, the Navy Minister, in a speech here to-day.

"Nothing less will suffice. This war is our war. We must fight it ourselves to the end. Maybe victory is coming sooner than we dare to hope. Britain's position is incomparably stronger than a year ago."

Mr. Hughes added: "Australia's destiny depends on her ability to achieve unity."

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